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Deerfield Municipal Offices  
8 Conway Street  
South Deerfield, Massachusetts



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## STATE AND FEDERAL REPRESENTATIVES

First Congressional District  
Eighth Councilor District  
Hampshire-Franklin Senatorial District  
No. 11

### UNITED STATES SENATORS

Edward M. Kennedy, Boston  
2400 JFK Building  
Boston, MA 02203  
(617) 565-3170

or

315 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4543

John Kerry, Boston  
One Bowdoin Square  
Boston, MA 02114  
(617) 565-8519

or

421 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-2742

### REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

John Olver, Amherst  
57 Suffolk Street, Ste 310  
Holyoke, MA 01040  
(413) 532-7010

or

1027 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-5335

### GOVERNOR

Argeo Paul Cellucci  
State House, Room 360  
Boston, MA 02133  
(617) 727-9173

or

Governor's Regional Office  
436 Dwight Street  
Springfield, MA 01103  
(413) 784-1200

### STATE SENATOR

Stanley C. Rosenberg, Amherst  
1 Prince Street  
Northampton, MA 01060  
(413) 584-1649

or

State House, Room 320  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133  
(617) 722-1481

### REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Stephen Kulik, Worthington  
330 Montague City Road, Suite 102  
Turners Falls, MA 01376  
(413) 772-2727

or

State House, Room 279  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133  
(617) 722-2210

### FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

Chuck Mackey, Chair

## FACTS ABOUT DEERFIELD

**Annual Town Meeting Date: Last Monday in April**

**Annual Election: First Monday in May**

**Settled 1669**

**Incorporated 1673**

Location:	In Connecticut Valley on Routes 5 and 10, Interstate 91, and Route 116
Area:	33.57 Square Miles
Altitude:	Deerfield Common, 161 Feet South Deerfield Common, 204 Feet
Population:	5018 (1990 Census)
Form of Government:	Town Meeting
Public Schools:	Deerfield Elementary School Frontier Regional Junior and Senior High School Franklin County Technical School, Turners Falls
Private Schools:	Bement School Deerfield Academy Eaglebrook School
Police:	Six Full-Time Officers
Fire Protection Districts:	Deerfield Area Fire Protection District Chester Yazwinski, Jr., Chief  South Deerfield Fire District Gary Stokarski, Chief
Public Library:	Tilton Library
Park:	Mount Sugarloaf Reservation
Town Highways:	82 Miles

## FACTS ABOUT DEERFIELD

State Highways: 17 Miles

Water Supply: Deerfield Fire District  
South Deerfield Water Supply District

### Deerfield Fire District

#### Water Commissioners:

(3 yr. Term)

Kenneth Williams, III

2001

Edward Belanger

1999

Robert R. Lawrence

2000

### South Deerfield Water

#### Supply Commissioners:

(3 yr. Term)

J. Matthew Powers

2001

Edward Crafts

1999

Kim R. Crossman

2000

## **TOWN OF DEERFIELD**

### **General Information:**

Deerfield is a community located in southern Franklin County. It is comprised of 33.57 square miles with 99 miles of roads. Deerfield is bordered on the east by the Connecticut River and on the west by the Berkshire foothills.

The Town has a Town Meeting form of government. The Annual Town Meeting is held on the last Monday in April with elections following on the first Monday in May. Town meetings are held at the Auditorium located at the Frontier Regional School, North Main Street, South Deerfield. The Town Elections were held at the new Municipal Offices, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield. The precinct location for all voting is now at the Deerfield Municipal Offices, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

### **MUNICIPAL OFFICES**

**Hours: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

Offices are located in the Municipal Office Building, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

Assessors' Office (Full-time Clerk)  
(413) 665-7184

Building Inspector (Full-time Secretary)  
(413) 665-4806

Conservation Commission/Planning Board (Part-time Clerical support)  
(413) 665-4806

Police Department (Full-time Clerk)  
(413) 665-2606 – dispatch answering

Selectmen's Office (Full-time Secretary)  
(413) 665-4645  
(413) 665-1401 – Town Administrator

Town Accountant (Hours: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.)  
(413) 665-8860

Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer (Full-time Secretaries)  
(413) 665-2130

Town of Deerfield – Facsimile Number: (413) 665-7275

# TOWN OFFICERS

## ELECTED OFFICIALS

	Telephone	Salary	Term
<b>Assessors, Board of (3-year term)</b>			
John Coderre	665-4086	\$1,500.00	2001
Richard Stellman	665-2175	1,500.00	2002
David Rohrs, Chair	665-4410	1,700.00	2003
<b>Constables (3 year term)</b>			
Roger Sadoski, Jr.	665-4587		2001
James Rosenthal	665-3812		2001
<b>Deerfield School Committee (3 year term)</b>			
Kenneth Cuddeback, Chair	665-3551	\$ 150.00	2002
Mark A. Capuano (to 5/1/00)	665-2205	100.00	2001
Mary Ramon	665-2898	100.00	2003
Albert N. Olmstead, Jr.	665-2472	100.00	2003
Deborah Sokoloski		100.00	2001
<b>Elector Under Oliver Smith Will (1 year term)</b>			
Richard Stellman	665-2792	\$ 20.00	1999
<b>Frontier Regional School Committee (3 year term)</b>			
Thomas Scanlon	665-4083		2002
Karl Koenigsbauer (resigned)			
John C. Bowman	665-4497		2003
<b>Moderator (3 year term)</b>			
Peter James	665-7104		2002
<b>Planning Board (3 year term)</b>			
Kenneth Cuddeback, Chair	665-3551		2001
Elizabeth Schmitt	665-3550		2002
James Pasiecznik			2003
Arthur Rogers	773-3395		2002
Peter LaBarbera	665-4989		2003
Carolyn Shores Ness	774-5824		2003
Laura Winter			2001
Bridget Heller, Administrative Assistant			
Julie Gray, Secretary			
<b>Selectmen, Board of (3 year term)</b>			
John P. Paciorek	665-3089	\$1,200.00	2002
Leonard T. Grybko, Jr., Chair	665-7760	1,400.00	2000
Mark E. Gilmore	665-4957	1,200.00	2001
<b>Tilton Library Board of Trustees (2 year term)</b>			
Daniel Carmody, Jr.	665-3442		2001
Nancy Gavryck	665-7798		2001
Cynthia Pepyne	665-4503		2002
Erich Ness	774-5824		2002

## **TOWN OFFICERS**

James E. Taylor	665-3111	2002
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### **Tilton Library Board of Permanent Trustees**

Mary Ann Barnes	665-4808
Kathleen Klaes	665-3593
Pamela Oakes	665-2686
Elizabeth Schmitt	665-3550

### **Town Clerk, Treasurer, Tax Collector (3 year term)**

William H. Leno	665-2130	2003
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### **Tree Warden (3 year term)**

Milton Williams, Sr.	773-8301	2002
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## **APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

### **MODERATOR APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Deerfield Community Cable Programming Committee**

Frank Sherburne	2001
Keith McCartney	2002
Jim Carvalho	2003
Amy Helstowski	2000
Fred Wissmann	2001
Jane Wrisley, Chair	2002

#### **Finance Committee**

Warren T. Grinnan, Chair	2001
Mary A Stokarski	2001
Daniel L. Blanchard	2001
Richard Andriole (resigned)	
Janet Uden	2003
Mark Russo	2002
Thomas Clark	2002
Gordon N. Oakes, Jr.	2002

#### **Franklin County Technical School District Committee (1 year term)**

Marshall J. Aronstam	2001
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### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS**

#### **Deerfield School Committee Representative to Frontier**

Mark Capuano  
John C. Bowman

#### **Superintendent of Schools**

John J. Welch, Ed. D., Superintendent (resigned)  
Edward O'Donoghue, Interim Superintendent



## TOWN OFFICERS

### APPOINTED STAFF AND COMMITTEES

(Term runs July 1 through June 30 unless specified)

#### **Americans with Disabilities Committee**

Margaret Doyle	2001
Shirley Patterson	2001

#### **Americans with Disabilities Coordinator**

Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2001
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#### **Animal Inspector**

Michael Raffa	2001
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#### **Assessors' Office**

Karen Menard, Clerk	2001
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#### **Board of Health**

Mark E. Gilmore	2001
John P. Paciorek	2002
Leonard T. Grybko, Jr. (Chair)	2003

#### **Board of Health, Agents**

Sharon White, Regional Health Agent	2001
Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2001

#### **Building Code Board of Appeals (3 year term)**

Ronald Bohonowicz	2001
Roger Sadoski	2001
Leonard Grybko, Sr.	2002
Grace Friary	2003
Francis Olszewski	2003
Stephen Barrett	2002
Richard Calisewski	2002

#### **Building Inspector**

Erik C. Wight	2001
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#### **Building Inspector, Alternates**

James Hawkins	2001
David Jensen	2001
Richard Calisewski	2001
Verne Harrington	2001
Stanley Sadowski	2001
Stanley Szewczgk	2001

#### **Building Inspector's Office**

Julie Gray, Clerk	2001
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#### **Burial Agent**

William Leno	2001
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## TOWN OFFICERS

### **Cable Advisory Committee**

Mark E. Gilmore	2001
Janet Uden	2001
Melody Friedrich	2001

### **Capital Improvement Planning Committee**

John P. Coderre	2001
Kenneth Cuddeback	2001
Tom Clark	2001
Leonard T. Grybko, Jr.	2001
Albert Olmstead, Jr.	2001
William Cummings	2001
William H. Leno (non-voting)	2001
David G. Nixon (non-voting)	2001
Vacancy	

### **Civil Defense Director/Emergency Manager**

Mark E. Gilmore	2001
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### **Conservation Commission (3 year term)**

Stephen Barrett	2001
Philip Savage	2001
Paul Sokoloski, Chair	2003
Louis Misiun, Jr.	2001
Julie Gray, Secretary	

### **Council on Aging (2 year term)**

Dorothy Butkiewicz, Chair	2001
Stephen Perkins	2001
Janet Filary, Secretary	2001
Elizabeth Turner	2001
Bertha Zdanowski	2002
Louis Seay	2002
Wallace Turner	2003

### **Deerfield Economic Development & Industrial Corporation (3 year term)**

John Ciesla, Chair	2001
Paul Olszewski	2002
Frank Cackowski	2003
Helen Petrovic	2003
Vacancy (low income)	

### **Deputy Dog Officer**

All Police Officers

### **Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee**

Frederick Rose	2001
Lynn Rose	2001
David Bryne	2001
Bea Von Hagke	2001

## TOWN OFFICERS

### **Emergency Medical Technician**

David Zamojski 2001

### **E-911 Coordinator**

Gary Stokarski 2001

### **Farmland Retention Ad Hoc Committee**

Gordon Oakes, Jr., Chair 2001

Kathleen Melnik 2001

Herb Marsh 2001

Mary Stokarski 2001

Richard Stellman 2001

### **Fence Viewers**

Richard Smiaroski 2001

Vacancy

### **Forest Warden**

Gary Stokarski 2001

### **Forest Warden, Deputies**

Harold L. Eaton, Jr. 2001

Thomas Clark 2001

Chester Yazwinski, Jr. 2001

### **Franklin County Solid Waste Committee**

Timothy Fannin 2001

Mark E. Gilmore 2001

### **Franklin County Transit Authority Representative**

Robert J. Decker, III 2001

### **Franklin Regional Council of Governments, Representative**

Mark E. Gilmore 2001

### **Gas Inspector**

Walter Nye 2001

### **Gas Inspector, Alternate**

John Jankowski 2001

### **Hazardous Waste Coordinator**

Lynn Rose 2001

### **Highway Department/Transfer Station**

Patrick Otto, Foreman 2001

Roger Baker 2001

Wesley Dickinson 2001

Jason Miller 2001

Michael Phillips 2001

Dennis Welcome 2001

## TOWN OFFICERS

### Historic Commission (3 year term)

George Melnik	2001
Joseph Skalski	2003
Edna Stahelek	2001
Alfred Dray	2003

### Industrial Development Financing Authority (3 year term)

John Ciesla	2001
Frank Cackowski	2002
Paul Olszewski	2002
Helen Petrovic	2003
Vacancy	

### Keeper of the Cemetery Maps

Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2001
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### Keeper of the Town Clock

Charles Smead	2001
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### Local Census Director

William H. Leno	2001
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### Deerfield Cultural Council (allowed to serve three, two-year terms)

Denise Schwartz	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2003
Denise L. Mason	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2001
Donna Simpter	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2002
Kim Alli	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2001
Brian Pinette	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2003
Julie Cavacco	1 <sup>st</sup> term	2002

### Personnel Board

John Ciesla	2001
Terrie McGoldrick	2001
Richard Andriole, Finance Committee Representative	2003
Daniel L. Blanchard, Finance Committee Representative, Chair	2002
Dolores Bowman	2003

### Plumbing Inspector

John Jankowski	2001
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### Plumbing Inspector, Alternates

Malcolm Cichy	2001
Steven Baranoski	2001

### Police Department

Michael Wozniakewicz, Chief of Police	2001
Raymond Burniske, Officer	2001
David F. Leuschner, Officer	2001
Harry S. Ruddock, III, Officer	2001
Sean T. Ward, Officer	2001
Robert Warger, Officer	2001

## TOWN OFFICERS

Carole Giusto, Clerk	2001
<b>Police Department Special Officers</b>	
David Hastings	2001
Michael Krusiewski	2001
Joseph Mieczkowski	2001
Brian Ravish	2001
Christopher Redmond	2001
William Rotkiewicz, Jr.	2001
Roger Sadoski	2001
R. Eric Seaholm	2001
<b>Police Department Special Appointments</b>	
Mark E. Gilmore	2001
John P. Paciorek	2001
Leonard T. Grybko, Jr.	2001
Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2001
Elizabeth A. Kirkwood, Matron	2001
Carole Giusto, Matron	2001
Kathleen Belanger, Matron	2001
<b>Recreation Department</b>	
Peter Kuzdeba, Chair	2001
Tom Antonellis	2001
Charles Brooks (resigned)	
Mark Capuano	2001
Gretchen Law	2001
Charlene Galenski, Secretary	2001
Tom Stone	2001
Rod Warnick	2001
<b>Recreation Director</b>	
Joel Cole	2001
Sue Antonellis	2001
<b>Registrar of Voters (3 year term)</b>	
William H. Leno, Clerk	2003
Linda Parker, Democrat	2001
Constance Melnik, Republican	2002
Lucy Sadowsky, Democrat	2000
Eleanor Thorpe, Alternate	2003
<b>Right to Know Coordinator</b>	
Harold L. Eaton, Jr.	2001
<b>School Crossing Guards</b>	
Sharyn Paciorek	2001
Carole Giusto, Alternate	2001
Elsie Kolakoski, Alternate	2001

## TOWN OFFICERS

### Sealer of Weights and Measures (1 year term)

Rockwell Lively (resigned)

### Selectmen's Office

David G. Nixon, Town Administrator 2001

Kayce D. Nelson, Secretary 2001

### Senior Housing Ad Hoc Committee

Leslie (LiLi) Dwight, Chair 2001

Karen Ambo 2001

Nancy Gavryck

2001

Frank Cackowski 2001

Lorene Puschak 2001

Carol Katz 2001

Regina Boron 2001

### Sewer Commission Study Committee

John P. Paciorek 2001

Leonard T. Grybko, Jr. 2001

Terrie McGoldrick, Chair 2001

Kenneth Cuddeback 2001

John D. Kazar, Jr. 2001

Janet Cohan 2001

Sharon Long 2001

Laura Winter, Clerk 2001

Harold L. Eaton, Jr. 2001

Amy Gazin-Schwartz, Alternate 2001

Gerald Fortier, Alternate 2001

### Superintendent of Streets

Harold L. Eaton, Jr. 2001

### Superintendent of Sewers

Harold L. Eaton, Jr. 2001

### Surveyor of Lumber and Wood

Milton Williams, Sr. 2001

### Swim/Recreation Program Committee

Sharyn Paciorek 2001

Edith Ostrowski 2001

Charlene Galenski 2001

### Tilton Library Director

Barbara Feret Schumann 2001

### Town Accountant (3 year term)

Eunice Apanell 2001



## TOWN OFFICERS

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Treasurer's Office**

Eileen Strzegowski, Secretary	2001
Betty Billings, Secretary	2001

### **Town Counsel**

Edward Pepyne, Jr.	2001
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### **Town Memorial Forest Committee**

Mark E. Gilmore	2001
John P. Paciorek	2001
Leonard T. Grybko, Jr.	2001
Milton Williams, Sr.	2001
Edward Crafts	2001

### **Tri-Town Beach Commission (3 year term)**

Sharyn Paciorek	2002
Edith Ostrowski	2001
Charlene Galenski	2001

### **Veterans' Agent/Director of Veterans' Services**

Leo Parent	2001
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### **Veterans' Grave Officer**

Roland Lemay	2001
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### **Wastewater Treatment Plant**

Donald Chappell, Chief Operator	2001
Edward Jablonski (resigned)	
Brian Giroux, Certified Operator	2001
Peter Burek, Certified Operator	2001

### **Wells, Fred W. Fund, Trustee**

Donald Smiaroski	2001
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### **Wiring Inspector**

William McGoldrick	2001
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### **Wiring Inspector, Alternates**

Wayne Shaw	2001
Bruce St. Peter	2001

### **Workman's Compensation Agent/Unemployment Compensation Agent**

William H. Leno	2001
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### **Zoning Board of Appeals (3 year term)**

Ronald Bohonowicz, Chair	2001
Roger Sadoski	2001
Leonard Grybko, Sr.	2002
Francis Olszewski	2003
Grace Friary	2003
Stephen Barrett	2002

## TOWN OFFICERS

Richard Calisewski, Alternate  
Julie Gray, Secretary

2003

## ELECTED POSITIONS

**Assessors:** The Board of Assessors consists of three members. One member is elected each year for a three-year term. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Wednesday 9:00 a.m. – noon. The Assessors meet every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise posted) in the Municipal Offices, Assessors' Office, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

The Assessors are required by Massachusetts law to value all real and personal property, based on "full and fair cash value" and are responsible for setting the tax rate; committing real estate, personal property and motor vehicle excise tax to the Tax Collector; updating records for new construction; all abatements and motor vehicle excise; updating town tax maps; changes of address for tax billing purposes; reviewing all applications for abatements, exemptions and special land use qualifications.

### Abatements

**Real Estate and Personal Property** – An abatement application must be filed within thirty days of the first date of mailing of the tax bills.

**Motor Vehicle Excise** – Applications must be filed before December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the year for which the excise is assessed. An abatement cannot be granted for less than \$5.00, nor can it reduce the tax to less than \$5.00.

### Personal Exemptions

**Clause 17D** – (Surviving spouse, minor or taxpayer over seventy) Exemption is \$175.00 of actual taxes due. Surviving spouse must have owned and occupied domicile on July 1<sup>st</sup> for the year to which the tax relates. A person over age seventy must have owned and occupied domicile for not less than five years. The total estate (excluding domicile, if non-income producing) cannot exceed \$40,000.

**Clause 41C** – (Elderly over seventy) Exemption is \$500.00 of actual taxes due. Applicant must have been domiciled in Massachusetts for preceding ten years, and must have owned and occupied domicile for five years. Gross receipts cannot exceed \$13,000 if single, or \$15,000 combined, if married. The total estate (excluding domicile, if it does not exceed two dwellings) cannot exceed \$28,000 if single, or \$30,000 combined, if married.

**Clause 22A through 22E** – (Veteran's with 10% or greater service related disability or with certain medals - and their spouses) Exemptions range from \$250.00 of actual taxes due to 100% of actual taxes due. Applicants must have lived in Massachusetts at least six months prior to entering the service or have resided in the Commonwealth for five years prior to date of filing.

**Clause 41A** (Tax Deferral), **Clause 37** (Blind Person) Exemption must be filed annually with the Board of Assessors, on or before December 15<sup>th</sup>. If the bills are mailed after September 15<sup>th</sup>, the taxpayer has three months from the date of mailing to apply.

## ELECTED POSITIONS

### Property Exemptions

Chapter 61 (Forest Land) Land must consist of ten contiguous acres to qualify as Forest Land. Owner must obtain approved ten-year management plan from the State Forester and submit to the Assessors a written application, forester's certification and management plan, prior to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chapter 61A (Agricultural/Horticultural Land) Land must consist of at least five contiguous acres actively devoted to agricultural use. Gross sales from land use must be at least \$500.00 per year (or intent must be shown to produce this amount). Land must have been actively devoted to this use in the preceding two years. Applications must be filed annually on or before October 1<sup>st</sup> of the year preceding the year for which classification is sought. EXAMPLE: Application filed in 2001, by October 1<sup>st</sup>, will be for the Fiscal Year 2003.

Selectmen: The three-member Board of Selectmen also serves as the Board of Health. One member is elected each year to serve a three-year term.

The Board of Selectmen meets each Wednesday evening at 7:30 p.m. (unless otherwise posted). Meetings are held at the Town Municipal Offices, Main Meeting Room, 8 Conway Street, South Deerfield.

The Selectmen are the Chief Administrative Officers of the Town. The office of Selectman has over 300 years of tradition and custom behind it. In the early years of the Commonwealth there were no elected town officials, and town meeting would periodically "select" prominent citizens to perform the business of the town between meetings. In 1633, towns in Massachusetts, borrowing the concept from their English heritage, started electing "select men" to serve for fixed terms. Power and duties varies from town to town. Today, the power of the Selectmen is very limited. There are over 700 general law provisions relating to the Selectmen. These laws have made operation of the town more complicated. It is very important that members become familiar with applicable laws.

One of the most important functions of the Selectmen is the preparation of the Town Meeting warrant. The warrant is composed of articles outlining each subject on which the town meeting must vote. Articles for town finances, zoning changes, accepting funds and grants or disposing of property are a few examples of town warrant articles. Once voted, it is the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen to see to the implementation of the wishes of the voters.

Selectmen at their weekly meetings, hear from department heads on the status of the Town, make every effort to take care of citizens' complaints and questions, approve all bills submitted for payment on bi-weekly "warrant", and any other business that comes before them. Examples of permits issued through the Selectmen's office are:

#### All Board of Health Permits and Licenses

Catering, Food Service, Offal, Disposal Works Installers, Summer Camps, and many others – fees begin at \$25.00.



## ELECTED POSITIONS

### Tag Sales

Two permits are allowed each year – fee is \$5.00 per day.

### Home Business

A public hearing is required – an initial fee of \$50.00, with a \$10.00 annual renewal.

### Transient Vendor License

\$25.00 per day.

### Auctioneer Permit

Auctioneers are required to furnish a State License Number.

Residential	\$50.00 per year
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Non-Residential	\$25.00 per day
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### Car Dealers

Class I	\$50.00 per year
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Class II	\$30.00 per year
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Class III	\$20.00 per year
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**Tax Collector/Town Clerk/Treasurer:** This is a three year combined elected position and a brief description of duties has been listed below.

**Tax Collector:** The office of the Tax Collector obtains assessments of property from the Assessors who also set the rates. Bills are mailed out and collected by this office. Any changes have to be made through the Assessors' office.

**Personal Property Tax Bills** – Value set by Assessors and mailed and collected by the Tax Collector. Payments are due and payable thirty days from the mailing date.

**Real Estate Tax Bills** – Value of property is set by the Assessors and is billed for the fiscal year on a January 1<sup>st</sup> assessment. Bills are presently issued in two halves and are due and payable on November 1<sup>st</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>. Because of the delay by the Assessors in setting the tax rate, bills are not always ready for mailing on October 1<sup>st</sup>. The first half of the bill is then due and payable thirty days after the mailing date, and the second half is due and payable on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Although every effort is made to see that all property owners receive tax bills, failure to receive a bill does not relieve the owner of the responsibility of payment nor of any interest, fees or penalties which may be levied for late payments. Taxes for the Deerfield Area Fire Protection District, South Deerfield Fire District and South Deerfield Water District are payable in the Tax Collector's office thirty days from mailing date.

**Excise Tax Bills** – Value set by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and is due and payable to the Town Tax Collector thirty days after mailing. Data and bills are compiled by the Commonwealth and may be corrected for minor items by the Assessors. Other items may be corrected through the Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles. Unpaid bills are referred to the Deputy Tax Collector and if uncollected, may result in suspension of license and/or registration, by the Registry.

## ELECTED POSITIONS

Sewer Use Bills – Rates are set by the Board of Selectmen. Bills are sent to users on the sewer system only, twice a year, and are due and payable, in the Tax Collector's office, thirty days after mailing.

District Property Tax Bills – Value set by the Assessors and mailed and collected by the Tax Collector. Payments are due and payable the same as the Real Estate Tax Bills.

*Note: District User Fees are established and collected by the Districts. These Districts are: Deerfield Fire District and the South Deerfield Water District.*

Town Clerk: The Town Clerk is responsible for recording Town Meetings and Elections; maintaining records of Registered Voters, Dog Licenses, Fishing and Hunting Licenses, Street Listings, Town Census, Births, Deaths and Marriages; certification of all vital records. Duties and responsibilities are clearly set by Massachusetts General Law.

Treasurer: The Treasurer is responsible for all town money. The Treasurer oversees the payment of payroll and departmental bills and is empowered by town meeting vote to borrow funds if necessary. These duties are clearly set by Massachusetts General Law.



# COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Department of Food and Agriculture  
Bureau of Animal Health  
251 Causeway Street, Suite 500  
Boston MA 02114

## SUMMARY SHEET

Totals of the following statements are to be inserted by the Inspector of Animals upon completion of city/town inspection of all animals and returned to the above address by January 1, 2001.

<b>Quarantines Issued:</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Quarantines Released:</b>	<b>13</b>

	Adult	Young
1) Cattle: (Adult = 2 years & over)		
Dairy	718	332
Beef	79	38
Steers/Oxen	37	10
2) Goats (Adult = 1 yr & up)	7	--
3) Sheep (Adult = 1 yr & up)	50	13
4) Swine:		
Number of breeders	5	--
Number of feeders	24	18
5) Equines:		
Number of horses	73	--
Number of ponies	2	--
Number of stables accessible to public	2	--
6) Llamas:	--	--
7) Poultry:		
Chickens	51	--
Turkeys	--	--
Ratites	--	--
Waterfowl	--	--
Gamebirds	--	--
8) Rabbits:	--	--
9) Other Animals (please specify)	---	---

Respectfully Submitted,  
Michael J. Raffa  
Animal Inspector

Town of Deerfield  
Franklin County  
December 23, 2000

## ASSESSORS' OFFICE

### How The Assessors Determine Value

Valuation in Massachusetts is based on "full and fair cash value," the amount a willing buyer would pay a willing seller on the open market. Assessors must collect, record, and analyze a great deal of information about property and market characteristics in order to estimate the fair market value of all taxable properties in their communities. Properties such as churches and educational institutions are also valued, even though they are exempt from taxation. The state of Massachusetts requires that all properties be reviewed every three years and that the assessed values be compared with sales statistics for the current time period. Deerfield is about to begin the triennial recertification process for fiscal year 2002. Once completed, these values will remain in place for the next two years, unless a change is made to the property or sales indicate a drastic change in values for a particular type or class of property. The Town of Deerfield uses an independent appraisal service to inspect properties and to analyze sales.

### Why Assessments Go Up When A Property Hasn't Changed?

Since assessments reflect market value, rising real estate prices in the community will result in *generally* higher assessments. As several factors influence market value, the changes to assessments will not be uniform. One such factor is the style of the building. For example, one year, colonials will be in demand, thus raising their market value more than other styles and, another year, capes will be more popular. Another factor is location. For various reasons, certain neighborhoods are more attractive to buyers (in-town one year rural the next...). Again, the resulting demand raises the price for homes in the preferred neighborhood. In addition, the condition of the property will affect its value. For two homes comparable in style, grade, and location, the better-maintained home will have a higher value. So, while changes made to a property can affect value, these other factors must also be considered.

### What If You Disagree With The Assessed Value Of Your Property?

If, in your opinion, the assessment of your property is incorrect, by all means discuss it with the Board of Assessors. When you receive notice of a new valuation, you may make an appointment to talk with them. At the meeting, you will need to specify the items about which you disagree: Is there some misinformation on the property record card? Do you find values of *comparable* properties lower or higher than yours? If so, cite specific examples. Information on all properties is available in the Assessors' Office.

### Abatements and Appeals

Once the tax bills have been mailed, an aggrieved taxpayer must go through the more formal process of filing for an abatement. These forms may be picked up at the Assessors' Office. They must be filed with the Assessors within thirty days from the date the tax bills were mailed.

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If the Assessors do not grant the desired abatement, the taxpayer also has the right to appeal to the State's Appellate Tax Board. The appeal must be filed within three months of the denial. Information and applications are available from:

The Appellate Tax Board  
100 Cambridge St.  
Boston, MA 02004  
(617) 727-3100

### How Property Taxes Are Assessed

Before Proposition 2½ went into effect in Massachusetts in Fiscal Year 1982, the amount to be raised by the property tax in each community was essentially determined by what the community decided to spend in the coming year, either through its Annual Town Meeting, or its City and Town Council. So, budgets were determined and, then, the tax rates were set to raise that amount. With Proposition 2½ in effect, the process is reversed. The tax limitation law sets the maximum amount a community may collect, or levy, from the property tax to "...2.5 percent of the total full and fair cash value of all real and personal property in the community". Budgets must be made to fit within that limit (with the exception of any override(s) passed by the voters). At the Town Meeting, a budget is adopted. The budget total less the monies anticipated from other sources, such as state aid and local receipts from fees, etc., is the amount that needs to be raised through property taxes.

### Determining The Tax Rate

Before the tax rate can be set, the Town must decide if they want all property to be taxed at the same rate, or if they prefer separate rates for a certain class of property, such as commercial/industrial. So, the Assessors prepare a Tax Rate Recapitulation sheet showing the total value for each class of property and its percentage of the town total. Using this information, the Board of Selectman hold a Classification Hearing to decide if there will be a single or multiple tax rate(s).

### What Assessors Do Not Do

Assessors do not make the laws that affect property owners. Tax laws are enacted by the Massachusetts Legislature. Various guidelines and regulations to implement the legislation are established by the Department of Revenue. The Assessors must follow these procedures and act in accordance with the law.

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS  
FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2001  
TOWN APPROPRIATIONS VOTED APRIL 24, 2000**

**Appropriations To Be Raised:**

From Taxation	\$8,408,860.66	
From Free Cash	181,087.03	
From Available Funds	<u>153,069.35</u>	<u>\$8,743,017.04</u>

**Other Amounts To Be Raised:**

Overlay Deficits of Prior Years	0.00	
Cherry Sheet Offsets	9,473.00	
Franklin County Retirement	163,645.00	
Veterans' Agent	9,467.00	
Air Pollution	1,268.00	
Regional Transit Authority	5,679.00	
RMV Surcharge Underestimate	3,920.00	
Overlay Reserve	<u>98,071.23</u>	<u>\$291,793.23</u>

**Total Amount To Be Raised:** \$9,034,540.27

**Estimated Receipts & Other Revenue Sources:**

**Estimated Receipts From State:**

Cherry Sheet Estimated Receipts	\$1,848,922.00	
Cherry Sheet Overestimates	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$1,848,922.00</u>

**Local Estimated Receipts:**

Motor Vehicle Excise	\$500,000.00	
Other Excise	5,000.00	
Penalties & Interest	35,000.00	
Payment In Lieu Of taxes	80,000.00	
Sewer Charges	420,000.00	
Trash Disposal	70,000.00	
Fees	20,000.00	
Rentals	2,000.00	
Departmental Revenue - Cemeteries	500.00	
Other Departmental Revenue	8,000.00	
Licenses & Permits	100,000.00	
Fines & Forfeits	150,000.00	
Investment Income	125,000.00	
Room Occupancy Tax	80,000.00	
Miscellaneous Non-Recurring	<u>0.00</u>	<u>\$1,595,500.00</u>

Free Cash	\$181,087.03	
Other Available Funds	<u>153,069.35</u>	

**Total Estimated Receipts & Revenue** \$3,778,578.38

**Total Tax Levy** \$5,255,961.89

**Total Assessed Value of Real & Personal Property** 356,336,399.00

**Total Levy ÷ Total Value x 1,000 = Tax Rate** **5,255,961.89 ÷ 356,336,399.00 x 1,000 = \$14.75**



## BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Once again, it has been a busy year for the Selectmen. The numbers tell the story. The Selectmen conducted over 60 public meetings, approved over \$200,000 in public bids, and supervised three major projects involving the South Deerfield sewer system. The Board has worked hard to look out for the interests of the townspeople and to make sure that their government ran effectively, if not always smoothly.

This past year, the Selectmen continued to develop ways to improve the performance of the South Deerfield sewer system. A deteriorating manhole that was responsible for many thousands of gallons of daily infiltration was replaced. The Selectmen selected the engineering firm of Weston and Sampson Engineers, Inc. to perform a major sewer system evaluation survey, and the first phase was completed in 2000. This survey pinpointed areas where the sewer system can be repaired to reduce infiltration further. In addition, a preliminary engineering review exploring the feasibility of extending a sewer line along Mill Village Road was completed. The Selectmen are evaluating the results of that study. Finally, the Selectmen made considerable progress toward installing a new aeration system at the South Deerfield Wastewater Plant.

The 2000 Annual Town Meeting created four new committees that required the Selectmen's involvement. The Senior Housing Ad Hoc Committee is concerned with developing options for senior housing in town. The Farmland Retention Ad Hoc Committee is charged with the responsibility of evaluating opportunities for preserving farmland and open space. The Economic Development Ad Hoc Committee is chiefly responsible for reviewing the potential for commercial and industrial development in the north end of town. Finally, the Sewer Commission Study Committee has been given the task of determining whether a separate sewer commission should be formed. The Selectmen spent several months developing criteria for membership and integrating the committees into the framework of the Master Plan. The committees each have their annual report contained within this Town Report, and they are well worth reading.

The Selectmen continue to be pleased with the commercial and industrial development occurring, and they recognize the opportunities for an increase in the number of jobs, stronger tax base, and more economic activity available for the townspeople. At the same time, such development presents challenges to a small town, not least of these being increased demand for services, more traffic, and more need for government oversight. The Selectmen have tried to reach a balanced approach to such development and continue to work closely with private and public entities to achieve the kind of growth that brings a greater share of benefits.

One way that the Town can off set such development is to place land under some kind of restriction. In 2000, the Town placed over 150 acres of land under the Agricultural Preservation Restriction, thus permanently protecting it from development. Working jointly with the Deerfield Land Trust, Franklin Land Trust, and the American Farmland Trust, the Selectmen evaluated several proposals to protect farmland and open space, and where appropriate, the Selectmen have contributed public money for such endeavors.

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The Selectmen have been gratified to see the Recreation Department coordinate the first Deerfield Old Home Days. We support their efforts to build community spirit, and we look forward to this becoming an annual event.

The Selectmen, working with the Deerfield Elementary School Department, Planning board, Board of Assessors, Treasurer, and Town Administrator, helped develop Deerfield's first capital improvement plan. The result is summarized in the Capital Improvement Planning Committee's annual report. The benefits of this effort should be seen in the Town's ability to implement long-range capital planning and implement rational capital budget planning. We hope to see good things for the Town in the future as a result of this Committee's work.

In 2000, the Selectmen began working on the new 10-year cable franchise license agreement. The Town sent out over 2,000 surveys to assess the townspeople's cable television needs, and the results of that survey have been forwarded to the firm of Copen and Lind, our cable television consultant. We should begin negotiating an agreement with AT&T Broadband in spring 2001.

One of the big initiatives of 2000 was the incorporation of the old Deerfield Rescue into the town government with the creation of the new Emergency Medical Services Department. This Department, run for the foreseeable future by user fees, can provide better and more reliable emergency medical treatment in town. The Selectmen have been gratified to see better response rates since the new department was created.

As we enter into 2001, we will continue to work on our projects, both big and small. We look forward to the opportunity of working with the many committed volunteers who comprise our form of government.



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING COMMISSIONER

The Building Department is entrusted with ensuring the public safety of all those who live and work in the Town of Deerfield. Consistent building code and zoning enforcement is vital to protecting and preserving your community.

This year the Town of Deerfield experienced a large influx of commercial projects as well as 15 new homes.

Hardigg Industries – Addition

Yankee Candle – New warehouse and office building

Eaglebrook School – Additions to both Macy and Flagler dormitories

– New dormitory (Kravis)

Magic Wings Conservatory

South Deerfield Post Office

Pekarski's Sausage – Addition

Over 150 periodic safety inspections were conducted on the schools, restaurants, churches, multi-family homes and other assembly use buildings in town.

Building permit fees collected increased to a record of \$247,938.05 for the 297 building permits issued this year.

### **BUILDING PERMITS 2000**

<u>Type of Permit</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Permit Fee</u>	<u>Building Cost</u>
Commercial	32	\$213,607.35	\$24,990,974.00
Single Family	15	16,078.00	2,667,888.00
Duplex	0	0.00	0.00
Miscellaneous	<u>250</u>	<u>12,425.10</u>	<u>1,573,764.00</u>
TOTALS	297	\$242,110.40	\$29,232,626.00
Certificates of Insp.	160	<u>\$ 5,827.60</u>	
		<b>\$247,938.05</b>	

Over the past 5 years we have averaged 292 permits, \$91,842 in permit fees, and \$16,949,067 in construction value.

This year we are asking for the addition of a part-time building inspector to help continue our commitment to providing a prompt, predictable, and courteous permitting process.

Submitted by,

Erik C. Wight, C.B.O.

Building Commissioner

# **CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE**

## **REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **FOR FISCAL YEAR 2002**

February 12, 2001

#### **Introduction**

In September 2000, the voters approved a new budget process to review and plan for future municipal capital expenses. By a nearly unanimous vote, the Capital Improvement Planning Committee and a Capital Planning Bylaw were created. The Board of Selectmen and Moderator appointed the Committee, which consisted of a member each from the Planning Board (Kenneth Cuddeback), Board of Selectmen (Leonard Grybko, Jr.), Finance Committee (Thomas Clark), Deerfield Elementary School Committee (Albert Olmstead), Board of Assessors (John Coderre), and two members from the community at large (William Cummings and vacancy). In addition, the Treasurer (William Leno) and Town Administrator (David Nixon) serve as non-voting members.

The purpose of the Committee is to help the Town to be more responsible to its residents in fiscal matters. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing all known and anticipated capital requests from all municipal departments, boards, committees, and agencies and making a recommendation on a five-year plan to the Board of Selectmen. The Committee also looks at possible sources of funding for all capital projects.

In November and December 2000, the Town Administrator gathered all capital expense requests and submitted them to the Capital Committee, and the Committee met from December 20 to February 6 and made a final recommendation for FY 2002 and formulated an outline of capital expenses for the period FY 2002 through FY 2006.

The Town is going through a period of assessing its sewer systems and seeking to address on-going Title 5 problems, and this issue has a large dollar impact on the overall budget. The Committee spent about 50% of its time debating various options, opportunities, and realities of sewer needs. The Committee recognizes that more Town work is needed for the future in order to get a handle on the overall direction of the sewers system. Of particular

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concern to the Committee is where does the Town wish to go with the sewers and more particularly, how does the Town expect to pay for the expense.

Another topic that occupied the Committee's attention in this first year of its activity is the Highway Department garage, a project that needs to be addressed in the near future. The Committee debated and has approved the planning and needs analysis for the project, and the Committee expects to work closely with the Board of Selectmen to clarify this project.

### Future Committee Work:

- The Committee expects to spend the remainder of the year in conducting an inventory of the Town's assets. It would be valuable for the Town to have a comprehensive list of the capital items, including a statement of each item's condition and value.
- The Committee also expects to refine the budget preparation process that it used. As we go through this new process, we are bound to discover better ways to be effective.
- The Committee looks forward to learning more about the recommendations for senior housing in Town. The Committee recognizes that developing senior housing will involve considerable capital improvements and the Committee is aware that it can serve the taxpayers well by its active involvement.
- Finally, as the various municipal departments go through the exercise of figuring out their capital expenses over a five-year period, then the Committee will expect that the departments will be able to clarify their future plans and requests. The Committee will work with departments in order to help them make their goals, priorities, and schedules more explicit.

### Recommendations:

The Capital Improvement Planning Committee recommends the FY 2002 capital expenses listed on the attached Table 1. The Capital Improvement Planning Committee also recommends the payment schedule for the FY 2002 as listed on the attached Table 2.

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The Capital Improvement Planning Committee notes that the FY 2003 capital expense requests will have a heavy effect on the tax rate, and therefore the Committee recommends that in FY 2002, the Town should set aside funds in order to offset the next year's budget impact. This course is recommended particularly in the light that many of the Town's revenue sources are sensitive to economic trends, and it appears that we are entering into a time of uncertainty. Now that we have identified the magnitude of the Town's future capital needs, it is in our best interest to prepare now by adding to our savings accounts, rather than meeting our expenses by borrowing or by raising taxes.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas Clark  
Chair

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD  
FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN  
FINAL VERSION 2/28/01**

Department	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	TOTAL
<b>Assessors</b>						
GIS		\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 120,000.00
Computers					\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>						
Sewer Repairs Phases I & II	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00	\$ 250,000.00			\$ 750,000.00
New Sewer Line Study	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00				\$ 200,000.00
Aeration System	\$ 108,300.00					\$ 108,300.00
Generator		\$ 85,000.00				\$ 85,000.00
Computers		\$ 13,000.00				\$ 13,000.00
Copier			\$ 7,000.00			\$ 7,000.00
<b>Police Department</b>						
Cruisers	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00		\$ 26,000.00		\$ 78,000.00
Radio at some point						
<b>Town Clerk/Treasurer</b>						
<b>Tilton Library</b>						
Furnace		\$ 30,000.00				\$ 30,000.00
<b>Senior Center</b>						
Stove			\$ 5,000.00			\$ 5,000.00
<b>Highway Department</b>						
Loader (18 yr)	\$ 116,500.00					\$ 116,500.00
Pickup (plow) (7 yr)		\$ 40,000.00				\$ 40,000.00
Pickup ( no plow) (10 yr)		\$ 25,000.00				\$ 25,000.00
Dump Truck & Sander (15 yr)				\$ 95,000.00		\$ 95,000.00
Equipment				\$ 30,000.00		\$ 30,000.00
Garage Needs						
Analysis/Acquisition/ Construction		\$ 100,000.00		\$ 500,000.00		\$ 600,000.00
<b>Recreation Department</b>						
Garage/Land Study	\$ 10,000.00					\$ 10,000.00
Equip New Ballfield		\$ 10,400.00				\$ 10,400.00
Land Acquisition			\$ 65,000.00			\$ 65,000.00
<b>Transfer Station</b>						
<b>EMS Department</b>						
Ambulance Replacement (10 yr)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00				\$ 70,000.00
Defibrillator	\$ 26,000.00					\$ 26,000.00
<b>Deerfield Elementary</b>						
Parking Lot Turn Around	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 68,500.00				\$ 85,000.00
<b>Frontier</b>						
<b>Planning Board</b>						
<b>Farmland Retention</b>						
Open Space	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
<b>Senior Housing</b>						
<b>Board of Health</b>						
<b>Totals</b>	\$ 738,300.00	\$ 847,900.00	\$ 392,000.00	\$ 716,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 2,739,200.00
<b>Five Year Grand Total</b>	\$ 2,739,200.00					



# **C.O.A. Frontier Senior Center**

## **2000 Report**

As one of the Co-Director's at the Frontier Senior Center, I would like to report 486 seniors used our Center this year.

5,434 Congregate meals served.

9,708 Home delivered meals served.

410 Seniors were served through our Flu & Pneumonia clinics this year.

Twice a week we have fitness classes, a walking class and craft classes every Wednesday and Bingo every Friday after lunch.

We took ten one-day trips and one three-day trip this year. We also do our trips with Hatfield. Many of our seniors have family or a friend in Hatfield, so we each rent a bus and then meet up with the Hatfield people at our destination.

We adopted two families for Christmas this year. Our seniors also sponsor Mary Andes, child from the Philippines through Children International.

Our seniors donated \$1,600 this year to help the town replace all the second and third floor windows at the center.

This year we were able to get a social worker through a grant. Lisa Ballou has enriched many seniors' lives with her services.

Dr. Sandburg held a foot clinic each month at our center. Fran Symanski also has a blood pressure clinic at the center each month.

Our Center Director is on duty at least 5 hours a day. The Director's job is to keep programs going, send in weekly information to the newspapers, keeping supplies in stock, handling any problems that arise promptly and also help the meal site manager when necessary. The Director also sets up various clinics and speakers, as well as doing all necessary paperwork and grant writing.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shirley Pielock  
Co-Director



## DEERFIELD CULTURAL COUNCIL

Denise Schwartz, Chair

The Deerfield Cultural Council is the local council of the Massachusetts Cultural Council (MCC), the central state agency that provides funding for Arts, Humanities, and Interpretive Sciences programs. The Local Cultural Council (LCC) re-grants funds from the MCC to individuals, schools and non-profit groups in its community. LCC's are municipal entities comprised of volunteers appointed by the community's Chief Elected Officials. There are approximately 335 local and regional councils representing all 351 cities and towns in the Commonwealth.

The Deerfield Cultural Council works to see that the projects it funds benefit all segments of the community. This year, the LCC was granted \$3,300 by the MCC. This year's local recipients were:

Old Deerfield Productions, *Presentation of WIT*  
Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, *Eastern European Festival*  
Annie Wentz, *Music of the World Concert*  
Mohawk Trail Concerts, *Music in Deerfield*  
Johanna Walker, *Poetry and Dance Residency* at the Elementary School.  
ArtSpace Community Art Center, *Strings Programs for Kids*  
Anna Viadero, *Memoir Writing Workshop*  
John Root, *Senior Citizen Concert*  
Frontier Regional High School, *Mini Ethnic Music Festival*  
Deerfield Arts Partnership, *Snappy Dancers* at UMASS Fine Arts Center  
Frontier Middle School, *Romeo and Juliet* at Symphony Hall  
Tilton Library, *Storytelling and Music Program*

Deerfield Cultural Council members are: Brian Pinette, Denise Mason, Donna Simpter, Julie Cavacco, and Denise Schwartz.

## REPORT OF THE DEERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

It is with pleasure that I submit my eighth annual report of the Deerfield Police Department for the calendar year 2000. Your Police Department has been very busy with criminal investigations and our community-oriented services, which continue our community policing goals and objectives.

Statistically, there was little change in the amount of activity we dealt with from 1999. The number of patrols has remained the same as 1999, as well as court activity. Court preparedness and investigations are still major components of our criminal cases—a very time-consuming task. Due to the diligence and crime scene techniques of our officers, two high-profile cases involving felony thefts in our community were brought to trial and ultimately convictions were obtained and time is being served.

As Highway Safety continues to be the most common concern expressed by our residents, I am pleased to report a 16% reduction in major motor vehicle accidents for 2000. Traffic enforcement has been conducted with the assistance of back-to-back Governors Highway Safety Grants. These additional patrols certainly had an effect on the accident reduction level. Deerfield's roads, both primary and secondary, are very busy and we continue to work hard to make these roadways safer. Toward this goal, in partnership with Sunderland police, we obtained a Radar Traffic Board. Our fifty percent share of the purchase price was fully funded by our Community Policing grant. We ask all of our residents to assist us in our efforts by following the speed limits and wearing safety belts. By doing these two basic incentives, together we can help reduce accidents and their related injuries even further.

The Calvin Coolidge Bridge rehabilitation project has been delayed, as well as the North Main Street railroad bridge. Both of these highway projects are going to produce dramatic changes in traffic patterns in Deerfield. During this time, tolerance and patience for the increased traffic will be required of all of us. With the Coolidge Bridge Project in mind, our local legislators assisted southern Franklin County communities by lobbying on our behalf for additional community policing funds. Thus our largest total ever of \$30,000 was received for FY 2001. Our thanks to them for their continued support on Beacon Hill.

Our senior citizens have been successful this year in forming a regional Triad. Triad is a partnership of senior citizens, local police, county sheriffs, and our District Attorney's Office, providing programs and guidance to lower victimization of our seniors. Seniors from Deerfield, Sunderland and Whately meet monthly with law enforcement on areas of mutual concern. They were instrumental in compiling the survey last spring in both Deerfield and Whately and have undertaken a long overdue and very ambitious campaign to properly display address numbers on businesses and homes. I cannot stress enough the importance of properly displaying your house numbers for prompt recognition by emergency services should we be summoned to your address.

Officer Dave Hastings continues working with our elementary school children with the DARE Program, teaching the 17 week core program to our 6<sup>th</sup> graders and abbreviated

## REPORT OF THE DEERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

sessions to Kindergarten and grades 2 & 4. This program is funded entirely with contributions and the \$6,000 grant from the Governor's Alliance Against Drugs. DARE funding also supports our annual Child Identification and Bicycle Safety Programs, in collaboration with the Greenfield Kiwanis Club and our town Recreation Department during the "Old Home Day" festivities. Our partners from the Greenfield Kiwanis Club again came out in large numbers to provide helmets and safety instruction for our young bicyclists.

Parking and pedestrian safety near three of our five schools, prompted safety studies at Pleasant Street and Old Main Street. These quiet, residential streets become very busy when it's arrival and departure time for these schools. As a result, an engineering study on Pleasant Street was performed at the request of our School Committee. Additional parking and vehicular pull-offs are options being looked at. Regarding Old Main Street, a collaborative effort on the part of the schools and museums is being formed with the goal to reduce the number of on-street parking that exists today.

In September, at a special town meeting, voters approved a section of Mass General Laws known as the "Quinn Bill," an educational incentive program specifically for law enforcement. The overwhelming support and kind words from our community were certainly appreciated.

Working in partnership with the various Deerfield boards, schools (both public and private), Committees and Department Heads, we see areas of mutual concern addressed in a spirit of cooperation and professionalism that assists us in reaching the very goals of our community Policing Program—providing the best possible service to all members of our community.

Lastly, to the members of the Deerfield Police Department, I want to thank you for your continued support and dedication, evidenced daily, by the hard work, care and concern you show for the community we serve.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Wozniakewicz

# REPORT OF THE DEERFIELD POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Annual Statistics

Accidents (major)	90
Accidents (minor)	19
Alarms	281
Alcohol	19
Animals (domestic)	128
Animals (other)	61
Arrest (adult)	96
Arrest (juvenile)	15
Arson	3
Assaults	33
Assistance Requested	299
Breaking & Entering	54 (includes automobiles)
Civil Complaint	10
Code Violations	9
Court Process	155
Disorderly Conduct	46
Disturbance	108
Domestic Violence	16
Fires	44
Fraud	0
Gambling	1
Lost/Found Property	46
Medical Aid	219
Missing Persons	14
Motor Vehicle	383
Assist other agency	98
Narcotics	3
Persons Investigated	151
Police Information	250
Phone calls	10
Protective Custody	5
Recreation vehicles	57
Robbery	1
Security Checks	28
Sex Offenses	1
Death/attempts	2
Thefts	
Vandalism	65
Trespass	16
911 hang-ups	124



# FARMLAND RETENTION AD HOC COMMITTEE

## ANNUAL REPORT

One of the goals of the Deerfield Master Plan adopted in April 2000 is:

- **To preserve the rural character by protecting and supporting the Town's rich farming heritage and continued agricultural productivity.**

At the April 2000 Town Meeting the following article was adopted:

- To provide the sum of \$75,000 to contribute to the land Preservation Fund towards the cost of purchasing the development rights of agricultural lands and to establish a Farmland Retention Ad Hoc Committee, appointed by the Select Board, for the purpose of identifying the farmland parcels to be protected and for the purpose of recommending the disbursement of said funds.

The committee was appointed in July 2000. The committee has reviewed the tax maps of the entire town, viewed the farmland in most of the town and has determined areas in the town where farmland protection is desirable. That review indicates that there are approximately 1000 acres of excellent farmland that could qualify for APR. Most if not all of the land likely to be placed under APR is taxed as farmland and will continue to generate the same amount of revenue to the town under APR as it did outside of APR. At an average of \$6,000 per acre for development rights (values can go as high as \$10,000 per acre) the potential APR value of those 1000 acres is \$6,000,000 and at 5% the Town's investment could be \$300,000 over the next few years.

To evaluate a request for Town funds the committee has established criteria for reviewing applications. It will consider one or more of the following in determining the priority assigned to any particular parcel of land:

- **Viability:** Is the retention of the farmland instrumental in keeping a farmer in business or making a farm or farms more viable?
- **Vulnerability:** Is the parcel vulnerable to development because of its proximity to sewer lines or is the parcel subject to sale due to circumstances that cause the owner to consider disposal of the property?
- **Location:** Is the location adjacent to other protected farmland?
- **Property Characteristics:** Is the land in an area that is developable and are the soil characteristics conducive to viable farming? Does the land represent an important component of the scenic landscape of Deerfield?
- **Opportunity:** Has an application been submitted to the State for APR and are Town funds needed prior to the finalization of the APR?

The committee has been working closely with the Deerfield Land Trust to keep informed about potential new APR applications and the possible request for funds from the Town. To date the committee has approved one transaction, which was subsequently approved by the Board of Selectmen. The Town investment in the transaction is \$10,000, which protects 50 acres of farmland. Currently, the APR program has applications pending,

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which would require approximately \$40,000 of matching funds in the current fiscal year.

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applications in the process of being developed would require another \$40,000 - \$75,000 in matching funds in the next fiscal year. Not all APR applications need town support and not all applications requesting support will receive positive recommendations from the committee.

All applications for APR funds are accompanied by a detailed fair market appraisal of the property by an appraiser approved by the State Department of Agriculture. Before the committee makes any recommendation, a member the committee reviews that appraisal and views the property in question.

The APR program has been operating in the Town of Deerfield since 1984 and since that time there have been approximately 1100 acres of Deerfield farmland placed under APR. The addition of matching funds from the Town will help protect a portion of the remaining farmland and will aide in protecting our rich farming heritage.

Jack Cavacco  
Stephen Huntley  
Peter LaBarbera  
Herb Marsh  
Kathy Melnik  
Gordon Oakes  
Dick Stellman  
Mary Stokarski



# FRANKLIN COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

## 2000 REPORT

To the Residents of the Solid Waste District:

The Solid Waste District was formed in 1989 to help Franklin County towns manage all aspects of their solid waste – recyclables, compostables, hazardous waste, wastewater treatment sludge, and trash. We continue to provide assistance to member towns through administrative support, professional consultation, trainings, and outreach to residents and businesses. Our assistance can be general in nature – filling out paperwork required by the state – or specific – helping a town design its transfer station or solve a particular problem.

In addition to the above services, the District continues to oversee the operation of four permanent collection sites for common household hazardous wastes - oil-based paint and paint-related products, used motor oil, oil filters, antifreeze, fluorescent lights, ballasts, and rechargeable batteries. These sites are open year-round to all District residents. There is a small disposal fee. The sites are located in Bernardston, Colrain, Conway, and Orange.

In 2000, the District was able to secure recycling equipment through a state grant for Charlemont, Deerfield, Shelburne, and Sunderland. The District also helped towns meet state requirements for a recycling incentive program. By meeting the state requirements for this program, towns were paid for every ton of material recycled. The state paid just over \$46,000 to seventeen District towns through this program!

In 2000, District towns recycled 2,567 tons of paper and 1,047 tons of mixed containers. By diverting 3,614 tons of recyclables from landfills and incineration, District towns collectively saved approximately \$245,000 in disposal costs. The best news is that towns got paid for their recyclables for the first time in many years. Almost \$24,000 was distributed to District towns based upon market conditions for the year. Congratulations! Your recycling efforts have truly paid off!

The District held two household hazardous waste collections in 2000; one in May and one in September. Together, the two collections served 480 households and 9 businesses. We collected almost 1,500 gallons of used motor oil, 175 automotive batteries, and 400 fluorescent lamps. The remaining hazardous waste totaled over 20 tons – all diverted from the trash.

Other District activities in 2000 included school educational presentations on recycling; distribution of backyard compost bins, recycling bins, and used oil collection containers; and acquiring new signs for town recycling programs.

Projects slated for 2001 include regional collections for tires, appliances, and bulky items such as furniture; our annual hazardous waste collection; and researching ways to reduce solid waste management costs to towns.

If you have questions about the District and its programs, call us at 413-772-2438; e-mail us at [fcswmd@crocker.com](mailto:fcswmd@crocker.com); or visit us at 50 Miles Street in Greenfield.

Jan Ameen - *Administrator*

Scott McKusick, Bernardston - *Chair*

Jessica Rajotte, Sunderland - *Vice Chair*

Bill Obear, Whately - *Treasurer*

# FRANKLIN REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS

## 2000 Annual Report

The Franklin Regional Council of Governments is pleased to report on our accomplishments in the past year. We continued to strengthen the services that we provided to our region and its municipalities in 2000. The core assessment paid by our member towns, totaling \$363,000, leveraged nearly \$3 million in products, projects, and services for our region. We provided a broad array of advocacy, planning, and community health services as well as Fee for Service programs that communities can access for technical assistance meeting a variety of municipal needs. Highlights from 2000 included:

- A four-part workshop series on municipal financial management.
- Additional workshops including a seminar about completing ADA Self Evaluations and Transition Plans, a workshop for animal control officers, and a presentation and discussion with the region's Economic and Industrial Development Corporations (EDICs).
- We helped all Franklin County towns receive housing certification as required under Executive Order 418.
- We advocated for the restoration of a stable \$150 million program for local road maintenance and worked with Representative Stephen Kulik in the creation of the proposed Local Roads Trust Fund.
- We sat on the Commissioner's Task Force for Local and Historic Roads and strongly advocated for changes to MassHighway's road design process.
- We facilitated the formation of the Franklin County Local Emergency Planning Committee at the request of our towns.
- We formed an Education Reform Task Force and created a position paper documenting proposed changes to the Ed Reform formula that will be presented to our legislative delegation this year.
- We facilitated the federally required process and created the Community Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) document that identifies and prioritizes regional economic development projects. We also advocated for the top two ranked projects, the Colle Opera House in Montague and the Food Processing Center Kitchen, to receive federal EDA funding.
- With the help of our legislative delegation, we moved forward a two-part effort to improve the telecommunications infrastructure in Franklin County. The formation of the Franklin Connect Committee and a technical study to be completed for the committee will be a large focus for 2001.
- Planning staff worked on build-out analyses for all Franklin County towns, created the 2000 Regional Transportation Plan, began an intensive regional open space planning project, and provided other important transportation, land use, natural resources, and

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economic development planning for our towns and the region.

- Our Community Coalition for Teens program expanded and is now providing substance use and abuse prevention programs for youths throughout the region in addition to its other teen-related efforts.
- The Tobacco Free GFC program also expanded in 2000 and is now offering a tobacco cessation treatment program in concert with other cessation programs around the region.
- The Purchasing Program created highway products and services contracts that 21 towns are participating in, created a #2 fuel oil, diesel and gasoline contract that 11 towns and 1 district is a part of, and expanded to offer school furniture bids.
- The Engineering Program offered engineering, survey, and environmental permitting services to twelve towns in 2000.
- The Resource Development Program offered workshops and wrote grants that brought \$675,000 to the region in 2000.
- The Community Health Program provided home health and safety assessments to residents; health inspection services to sixteen Franklin County towns; and provided continuing education to Boards of Health through regularly scheduled workshops and trainings.

This is but a small representation of our accomplishments in 2000. We are proud of the work that we do to serve the Franklin County region and its 26 municipalities and look forward to offering the same.

## Master Plan Report

The Deerfield Master Plan is nearing the end of its successful first year in existence. The Master Plan was accepted by the town in a nearly unanimous vote of Article 37 at the April 24, 2000 Town Meeting. With the also successful passing of Articles 38, 41, 42 and 43, the first year of its implementation was set in motion.

The Planning Board and the Three Ad Hoc committees established by Town Meeting vote have been diligently working to accomplish the first year's goals.

The Farmland Retention Ad Hoc Committee has put in a tremendous amount of effort into identifying and prioritizing land in Deerfield to be preserved and has developed a list of criteria to assess each parcel of land. They are also making recommendations to Selectmen regarding the town's contribution when purchasing development rights of farmland in town.

The Economic Development Ad Hoc committee has taken the first steps to addressing the feasibility of a new industrial park in East Deerfield. With an enormous amount of work, they have initiated the Public Information Plan process at the East Deerfield Site. Identifying what is there to be cleaned up will help the Planning Board and the Town in the decision-making process on future development there.

The Senior Housing Ad Hoc Committee, charged with developing elderly housing in Deerfield, surveyed the Town in September. The donation of the collation, analysis and the summary report by Gerontological Services, Inc. has ascertained the most professional and cutting-edge analysis of our needs as any community nationally. With the results pointing to the critical need in our community, the Senior Housing Committee will be holding public hearings in February to gather further input from the community and confirm the process of establishing senior housing in Deerfield.

The Planning Board has contracted with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Planning Department to develop an agricultural overlay district, draft ridgeline zoning and driveway standards.

The Capital Improvement Committee is successfully coordinating town spending initiatives.

As a result of efforts by the Farmland Retention Committee and the Planning Board, Deerfield was awarded \$7,500 in services by the EOEA, Food & Agriculture Department and CISA to conduct a parcel analysis of the South Deerfield Village District. This study has been done by the Franklin Regional Council of Governments Planning Department. The information generated by this study will provide useful information for the siting of senior housing, potential recreation use and any future preservation efforts.

The Town of Deerfield was awarded the 2000 Planning Award by the Franklin Regional Planning Board for its planning efforts in 2000.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carolyn Shores Ness  
Deerfield Master Plan Committee



## **Planning Board**

### **Annual Report**

#### **Year 2000**

The past twelve months continued to be busy months for the Planning Board as we followed through on the Master Plan initiatives passed at the April 2000 Town Meeting. The early months of 2000 found us working with the Master Plan subcommittees to prepare articles for inclusion on the annual warrant. With the acceptance of the Master Plan, planning board representatives joined with other board representatives and citizens from throughout the town to work on The Senior Housing, Farmland Retention, and Economic Development subcommittees. In addition, Planning Board representatives were also involved with the Sewer Advisory Committee in selecting the engineering firm, Weston and Sampson, to perform the Sewer System Evaluation Study (SSES) approved at the April 1999 Town Meeting. The year 2000 also saw Planning Board participation on the Capital Improvement Planning Committee's preparation of the first five-year capital spending plan for the Town of Deerfield.

While this work was proceeding, the Planning Board also continued to review the regular submittal of development plans and site plan reviews for the Town. The year 2000 saw the passage of eleven (11) Approval Not Required (ANR) plans to divide existing lots into multiple building lots. In addition, the Board approved one (1) Alternative Procedures Plan (APP) for a 2-lot subdivision in the South Deerfield village. The Board has also met with three additional landowners who are considering small subdivisions for consideration under the APP bylaws.

In addition to this activity, the Planning Board reviewed six site plans for new business construction or expansion of existing facilities. These included the approval of plans for a 275,000 square foot warehouse and 75,000 square foot office building built by the Yankee Candle Company on Routes 5 & 10, and a 75,000 square foot addition to the Hardigg Industries facility on North Main Street. These two projects are scheduled for completion by the end of 2001 and will add to Deerfield's strong industrial base.

As we enter the year 2001 and prepare for fiscal 2002, the Planning Board will continue to work on the Master Plan initiatives passed in the April 2000 Town Meeting. The Senior Housing subcommittee is preparing a summary report and recommendations and the Farmland Retention Committee has been successful in targeting two parcels of land. The Planning Board will be working with the Franklin Regional Council of Governments (FRCOG) Planning Department to review and improve our subdivision regulations in line with the Master Plan recommendations. Finally, we will work to continue to improve planning and communication with all town boards on planning issues throughout the coming months.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth Cuddeback, Chairman  
Deerfield Planning Board

**Report of the Deerfield  
Recreation Committee  
And  
Parks and Recreation Department**

Committee Members (Current):      Tom Antonellis  
   Charles Brooks – Resigned  
   Mark Capuano  
   Charlene Galenski, Secretary  
   Peter Kuzdeba, Chairman  
   Gretchen Law  
   Tom Stone  
   Rod Warnick

Recreation Department:  
    Director                              Joel Cole  
    Administrative Assistant      Sue Antonellis

Liaison to Recreation Committee:      Leonard Grybko, Jr., Selectman

The 2000-2001 year has kept the Deerfield Recreation Committee continuing to work for the concerns of residents. The mission for the committee is to continue pursuit of expanding recreational facilities and lands, as well as expanding the recreational programs available to the residents of the Town of Deerfield.

Throughout this past year, numerous meetings have been held by the Recreation Committee, along with meetings by several subcommittees, and additional meetings with interested residents and other district groups. Because of this work, the following developments have occurred:

- Youth sport programs have been operational and include-Soccer (K-6), basketball (1-7coed, 6-8 girls), softball (4-6) and baseball (K-6).
- The Deerfield Recreation Summer Program involving youth and senior citizens has continued, with offerings of classes, outdoor activities, tennis, golf, and arts and crafts.
- Computer classes were provided through the Deerfield Elementary School to senior citizens in the area. This program was quite successful and future programs are being planned.
- The Town Hall Field has been constructed through common efforts of the Recreation Committee, Highway Department, Police Department, Deerfield Academy and others. We would especially like to thank Brett Gewanter, Deerfield Academy, for his extensive time involving the development of this facility.
- The Recreation Department is pursuing permanent locations for the Storage Sheds that were donated by Deerfield Academy. A concession stand is being considered as part of this effort.
- The Recreation butler building space has been organized by several volunteers from the community.
- Recreational Programs (skiing, bus trips, girls' basketball, soccer, basketball & baseball clinics) have been established jointly with neighboring towns-Sunderland, Conway, Whately, Bernardston, Northfield.



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- Frontier Regional has approved common usage of facilities for tennis, while other programs, such as senior citizen winter walking access, are being developed.
- Joint efforts with Eaglebrook School have provided our community with public ice skating on Sunday evenings for December through February, as well as gymnasium usage for Recreation and Suburban basketball, and field usage for Girls' Softball.
- The Department remains a member of the Pioneer Valley Parks and Recreation Association, with monthly meetings.
- Participation with the Master Planning and Open Space Committees for concurrent future planning has been ongoing.
- The first Old Home Day event occurred in May of 2000. This will be an annual festive activity for community members of all ages.
- Investigations of alternate recreational sites have continuously been pursued.
- The Department has published Recreational News Letters, distributed through Deerfield Elementary and also displayed on the cable TV Town announcements.
- A recreational equipment swap sale has been established as a program fundraiser and inexpensive means to help support family activities.
- A field maintenance program has been developed for all fields.
- The Committee has continuous correspondence with local schools for mutual support – Deerfield Elementary, Frontier Regional, Deerfield Academy and Eaglebrook School.
- We also continue to support local organizations with developing new and innovative ideas for the growth of Deerfield, such as hiking or bike trails.

The Recreation Committee would like to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Deerfield Town officials/staff, the Deerfield Highway Department, the Deerfield Police Department, the Tri-Town Commission, the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association, the Planning Committee, and others for their continued interest in our committee's efforts.

Within the community, there are always those individuals and businesses that contribute that extra time or effort to volunteer for recreational activities. The Committee would like to extend a special thanks to your continued endeavors to support the community of Deerfield.

The Recreation Committee would also like to thank one of the original members, Charlie Brooks, for his many years of service on the Recreation Committee. Charlie was instrumental with the development of the Old Home Day event, through his initial concept, initiation and completion of the first planned event. The Committee welcomed Mark Capuano as a new member this year, in the replacement of Charlie.

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Available space is still a concern that the committee has been continuously addressing. Many of our programs utilize the Deerfield Elementary School, Sugarloaf Mountain field, Channing Bete fields, Eaglebrook School fields, PVMA access and parking facilities, and the town hall field for activities. We extend our appreciation to these groups for assisting the community in offering a space for these valuable programs. Without their continued assistance, recreation for the town residents would be minimal. Again, we continue to appeal to landowners to come forth with possible opportunities to solve the issue of field space.

Due to the Deerfield Recreation Committee's work this year, the committee remains active in continuing our ambitious efforts. We would like consideration from the town's residents to support our budget requests to maintain our Parks and Recreation Department.

The Deerfield Recreation Committee is going forward to investigate avenues for providing a strong recreation program for Deerfield. While we continue to progress, we will pursue the future vision of satisfying the needs of our youth, adults and senior citizens. As we do, we welcome the residents to continue their contribution to the recreational development by providing comments, suggestions, volunteers and most of all, participation. Deerfield's recreational activities are contingent on volunteer help from the community, regardless of age, and all are welcome. Our goal is to provide a well-rounded program for Deerfield's residents to utilize. We thank the Town of Deerfield for their continued support in this worthy endeavor.

## SENIOR HOUSING AD HOC COMMITTEE

The Senior Housing Ad Hoc Committee was established by article 41 at the April 24, 2000, Town Meeting. The seven-member core of Deerfield's Senior Housing Ad Hoc Committee was appointed by Selectmen in the last week of July, and met on Monday, July 31, to elect officers and to set initial directions.

The committee members are:

Leslie (Lili) Dwight, Chair; Karen Ambo, Secretary; Regina Boron; Nancy Gavyrck; Carol Katz; Lorene (Lori) Puschak and Frank (Chick) Cackowski.

The committee decided to conduct a survey to determine the demand for, and characteristics of, Senior Housing in our town. We also recognized the need to research the financing options for this type of housing as well as the available land on which it could be placed. We divided into three sub groups in order to facilitate our research: one to design and mail the survey; one to investigate financing options, and a third to investigate real estate possibilities.

The survey group met intensively in August and September, resulting in the survey that was mailed to all Deerfield households in mid-September. Gerontological Services, Inc. of Santa Monica, CA, generously donated its services for the collation, analysis, and reporting on the survey results. The report was submitted to the Selectmen at their Nov. 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. This report is available at the Tilton Library or can be e-mailed to you by contacting Lili Dwight at [ldwight@gsi.org](mailto:ldwight@gsi.org).

Some highlights of the report:

There was a response rate of 18% across all households with approximately 34% of the senior households responding (calculated against the April 1999 census counts)! According to statistics provided by professional survey-taking organizations, GSI for example, this is a phenomenal return rate for a survey. In addition, 72% of the people who answered the survey would consider moving into retirement housing! This is an exceptionally high degree of interest, as measured against the national statistics.

Some highlights of the survey results:

- 55% of seniors who say they would move into senior housing have an annual income of \$30,000 or less.
- Only 18% of those who say they would move in currently require services or use ambulating devices.
- The most important amenities were: outdoor walking/exercise; convenience store; banking; library.
- Most important services were: 24-hour security; transportation; spiritual programs.
- 70% prefer a location in South Deerfield Village.
- 54% prefer a two bedroom unit; 44% prefer a one-bedroom unit.

The financing group determined that there is a wide array of financing possibilities that cannot be finalized until we know what we are building and what implementation strategy we shall undertake.

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The real estate group procured maps from the Town offices and listings of land currently owned by the Town. In addition, committee members have visited a number of area senior residences, and the Gill Senior Housing graciously hosted a visit of the full committee.

Another group was formed to investigate strategies for implementing Senior Housing. Their research was presented at the Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> senior housing meeting that included the attendance of the Selectmen.

It was agreed that survey results and implementation strategies need to be discussed in public meetings in order to ascertain community preferences for siting, funding, and implementation. These meetings will be conducted in early February 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Dwight



# SEWER COMMISSION STUDY COMMITTEE

The goal of the Sewer Commission Study Committee was to determine the best possible option for consideration regarding formation of a separate sewer commission in the Town of Deerfield. During its term three possibilities were defined and discussed. They are as follows:

1. Continue, as is, with the sewers the responsibility of the Select Board,
2. Establish a sewer committee that reports to the Select Board,
3. Establish a separate sewer commission.

## **Option 1: Continue, as is, with the sewers the responsibility of the Select Board.**

### Pros:

- It could be costly in terms of manpower, machines, etc. to change the existing system,
- Harold Eaton already works within two existing town sewer systems, thus avoiding the creation of additional competing responsibilities.

### Cons:

- Town needs a grant writer with the time to research as well as write grants and the Selectmen don't have time for this.
- Establish a commission would separate some of the political problems of the Selectmen (such as past reluctance to repair as a way of limiting growth in the town).

## **Option 2: Establish a sewer committee that reports to the Select Board.**

### Pros:

- A committee could assist the Board of Selectmen doing tasks such as grant writing, etc.
- Town residents would make up the committee (there was considerable discussion as to whether it should be appointed or elected).

### Cons:

- The process for selection of committee members could be quite political.
- Autonomy issues and concerns may occur.

## **Option 3: Establish a separate Sewer Commission.**

### Pros:

- Allow for consistency in short and long-range planning issues regarding sewer systems.
- Allow for expertise on all aspects of these issues.
- Ease time constraints/limits of the Select Board who have other issues to deal with.
- Gives the ability to consistently monitor and evaluate the conditions of the existing sewer, thus allowing for planning regarding repair and upgrades (both short and long-term).



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- Ability to provide expert input regarding the sewer systems in working with other town boards on issues of common concern.
- Could effectively organize for public education about sewer issues.
- Would have the authority to maintain, monitor and update existing rules and regulations regarding how funds are raised and managed, free structures, rates and expenditures.
- Would have time, authority and expertise to monitor the availability of state and federal funding for repairs, extensions, treatment plant upgrades, and purchases and to apply for this funding when available.
- The commission would have responsibility, time to keep up-to-date with increasingly complex legal issues surrounding sewers/wastewater treatment plants.
- Would have the authority, time and expertise to update and publicize sewer codes,
- Would provide a clear structure and have the authority to establish rules regarding liability.

### Cons:

- Potential cost considerations.
- If these people were a separate entity they would have no "bosses."
- The various town boards are not sufficiently integrated ensure that decisions by one board will not negatively impact other important town functions and processes.
- Lack of oversight or control on a commission could lead to problems.

Through a vote by committee members, it was decided to recommend **Option 2, Establishment of a Sewer Committee which would report to the Select Board**, at the Annual Town Meeting. Suggested committee composition is that of three members with two available alternates to be made up of people from the East, West, South, and Old Deerfield sections of town, as well as those who are and who are not presently on the sewer system. The committee will be responsible for planning and questions regarding plant design, expansion and upgrade as well as looking for funding for long and short-term plant repair and maintenance to the system.

Respectfully submitted,

Terrie McGoldrick  
Chair

Committee members: John Paciorek, Gerald Fortier, Leonard T. Grybko, Jr., Sharon Long, Amy Gazin-Schwartz, Laura Winter, and Harold Eaton.

# REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

## FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1999 – JUNE 30, 2000

Real Estate and Personal Property tax bills were produced in house for fiscal year 2000 and mailed January 28, 2000. We had to hold a Special Town Meeting November 8, 1999 before the State would authorized rates for Fiscal Year 2000. The following combined receipts are for informational purposes. The following combined receipts are for informational purposes.

Real Estate	\$5,178,781.01
Personal Property	\$160,608.90
Motor Vehicle Excise	\$536,472.70
Farm & Animal Machinery	\$3,200.30
Forest Products	\$3,879.30
Sewer	\$401,540.05
Interest & Fees	\$84,044.22
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	\$6,368,526.48

The decline in sewer receipts is due to the timing of billing. The second half of FY 2000 was not issued until May 24, 2000, resulting in many payments being received in FY 2001.

The combination of voluntary tax payments in late 1999 and the timely payment of taxes when issued enabled us to again avoid borrowing in anticipation of revenue.

Reminder all unpaid delinquent Motor Vehicle Excise bills are submitted to the Deputy Tax Collector and if not resolved, licenses and registrations will be marked at the Registry of Motor Vehicles, resulting in non-renewal until resolved. Delinquent Real Estate, District and Personal Property taxes are also submitted to the Deputy Tax Collector and if not resolved, it may become necessary to lien the property at the Franklin Country Registry of Deeds. Tax payers are reminded if they are experiencing financial difficulties to contact this office and make arrangements for payments, thereby avoiding the Deputy Tax Collector process, etc.

Property owners notifying the Assessors of address and/or ownership changes are sincerely thanked as the Assessors Clerk makes an effort to keep us notified so we can make timely submittal of bills.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Leno  
Tax Collector

## TILTON LIBRARY ANNUAL REPORT

This year, a special effort was made to address the concerns of library patrons of all ages. In addition to the usual holiday and weekend story hour/craft programs, Tilton Library hosted a biweekly story time for preschoolers and featured many special programs for children and their families. During the spring and fall, we explored the culture of Japan and Costa Rica, did a little Magic, experimented with Science, made beautiful Origami, and enjoyed petting Exotic Animals. In keeping with the Summer Reading Theme, "Exploring Frontiers", we were treated to a presentation by an Astronaut, sand with Native Americans, danced the Paul Bunyan Polka, and listened to stories about the Western frontier. There were over one thousand participants in the Tilton Library programs.

The Trustees and Friends generously contributed to the daylong activities of the first annual "Old Home Day" in South Deerfield, with a well-attended Plant Sale, Book Sale, and Tea. Our wonderful Volunteers continued to help with bookmobile deliveries, filing, crafts, storytelling, and more. Deerfield Academy students, as well as three local volunteers, helped us to begin working on our Young 'Adult Resources Project, aimed at expanding and improving public library resources for teenagers. A grant from the Franklin County Family Network allowed us to add more books, videos and audios for your preschoolers. We were especially grateful for the help extended to us the by the Deerfield Highway Department in fixing up a space and installing shelving to received all the new preschool and young adult materials. Also, with grants from generous donors, the library was able to add to its shelves representative works by authors listed in the English Language Arts Curriculum Framework of the Massachusetts Department of Education and to expand its paperback Classics collection. The library continued adding to the shelves, the latest fiction and nonfiction, always in demand by our adult readers. As of June 30, 2000, the library housed approximately 19,000 books, 600 videos, 150 audios and subscribed to 90 magazines.

In October, a grant from the Massachusetts Library Aid Association of the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners allowed the entire library staff to participate in a day-long Reference Resources Project which involved learning how to use the variety of databases available through our Online Affiliate membership in CW/MARS as well as the resources of local libraries. Special thanks were extended to the librarians at Deerfield Elementary School, Frontier Regional High School, the Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association and to the many professionals at the Western Massachusetts Regional Library Association for volunteering their expertise. Members of the Tilton Library staff "...feel much more informed and better able to serve our patrons." From July 1, 1999 to June 30, 2000, the library's Internet station was used by over 400 patrons who averaged 30 minutes for each individual use. Interlibrary loan activity increased from 108 to 482 transactions. Requests for reference assistance also became more frequent.

The Board of Trustees welcomed as its newest member Cynthia Pepyne. Resignations were reluctantly accepted from Kathleen Klaes and Margaret Kostiuk. Barbara Schuman continued as Library Director. Jeanette Lee joined the library staff. Kitty Mills and Johanna Reynolds resigned in order to pursue other interests—we wish them well and thank them for their help. All in all, we are pleased to report that it was another successful year of library service in the Town of Deerfield.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Schuman

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2000**

**CASH:**

General	\$5,153,399.70
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**ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE:**

Forest Products Tax	\$6.00
Real Estate Taxes	\$350,684.80
Personal Property	\$49,659.61
Chapter 61, Rollback Taxes	\$241.13
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$81,378.43
Farm Excise Tax	\$6,778.21
Sewer Use Fees	\$133,767.43

**Tax Titles:**

Town	\$23,832.49	
Fire District	\$1,095.74	
Water District	\$540.33	\$25,468.56

Tax Possessions	\$299.95
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State Aid to Highway	\$552,440.90
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Total Assets:	\$6,354,124.72
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**LIABILITIES:**

Payroll Withholdings	\$33,833.01
Deferred Revenues:	
Property Taxes	(\$31,888.72)
Forest Products	\$6.00
Motor Vehicle	\$81,378.43
Farm Animal	\$6,778.21
Sewer Use	\$133,767.43
State Aid Hgwy	\$552,440.90
Tax Title Revenue	\$25,768.51
Sale Cementery Lots:	\$8,535.00
Trust Fund Income:	
War Bonds	\$2,866.50
Billings Book	\$539.55
Land Preservation	\$20,345.00
Dickinson Trust	(\$1.04)
Cemetery Fund	\$2,777.05
Mary Topp Fund	\$6,403.50
Wells Trust	\$12,701.91
Zabriski Fund	\$4.70
School Grants	\$100,339.18
Town Hall/Police Station	\$21,747.87
Other State Grants	
Police Drug Forfeiture	\$8,127.30
State Aid Library	\$30,883.71
Erante Grant	\$4,490.16
Cultural Council	\$4,706.25
D.A.R.E. Grants	\$4,024.11
Community Policing Grants	\$15,893.93
Highway Ch. 90	\$21,123.00

**Sum Pg. 2                      \$1,067,591.45**



# BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2000

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## LIABILITIES:

### Revolving Funds:

SPED Revolving	\$1,529.06
School Lunch	(\$1,446.67)
Dog Revolving	\$10,070.39
After School	\$15,043.76
Conservation Ads Fund	(\$51.70)
Insurance Claims	\$5,498.66
Off-Duty Police	\$2,617.61
Trash Bags Rec'ts	\$125,805.00
Emergency Veh. Rev	\$12,110.62
Special Activities Fund	\$716.57
School Bldg Use Fees	\$1,336.16
Recreation Rev. Fund	\$11,038.03
Cablevision Revolving	\$1,277.00
Writing Camp	\$74.43
Plumbing - Gas - Wiring Fund	(\$243.00)
Firearms ID	\$50.00
YCC Traffic Detail	(\$3,080.03)
Sale Town Office Bldg	\$100,011.00
YCC Gift	\$51.50
Contribution New School	\$113,980.00
Sum Pg. 3	\$396,388.39

# BALANCE SHEET

JUNE 30, 2000

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## LIABILITIES:

### Overlays/Abatements

1991	\$5,366.51
1992	\$1,577.85
1993	\$41,235.36
1994	\$45,118.57
1995	\$55,795.95
1996	\$163,990.58
1997	\$37,039.74
1998	\$11,447.89
1999	\$20,474.59
2000	\$50,427.22

Encumbrances Sewer Fund \$303,175.18

Encumbrances General Fund \$1,208,640.12

Reserve Payment of School Debt \$300,000.00

Elementary School Building \$84,491.50

Sewer Surplus Revenue \$172,876.61

Undesignated Fund Balance \$2,388,487.21

Sum Pg. 4 \$4,890,144.88

Sum Pg. 3 \$396,388.39

Sum Pg. 2 \$1,067,591.45

Total Liabilities \$6,354,124.72

Net Funded Debt \$4,595,000.00

Total Net Funded Debt \$4,595,000.00

New School Debt \$4,595,000.00

New School Debt \$4,595,000.00

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2000**

**TRUST FUNDS:**

CASH	\$1,349,826.27
FB Dickinson Book Fund	\$1,784.62
FB Cemetery Fund	\$19,675.47
FB Frank Wells Fund	\$60,377.25
PC Land Preservation Trust	\$12,501.03
PC Mary Topp Cemetery	\$9,362.85
Workmen's Compensation Fund	\$95,325.03
Surplus War Bonds	\$11,503.68
Dfld/Whately Veterans	\$1,570.84
Municipal Bldg Fund	\$227,552.78
Emergency Vehicle	\$23,938.95
Insurance Indemnification	\$63,374.04
Landfill Closure	\$18,407.40
FB Stabilization	\$804,452.33

**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2000**

**School Grants Breakdown:**

EEOG Grant	\$5,000.07
School Choice/Charter	\$21,834.00
SPED 502.4 (BALP)	(\$9,886.78)
Daybreak Program	\$34,573.39
Community Partnership	\$34,248.50
Med Ass't School Base	\$14,570.00
Total	\$100,339.18

# BALANCE SHEET

## JUNE 30, 2000

### ENCUMBRANCES GENERAL FUND:

Televise Select meetings	\$669.52
Triennial Recert.	\$7,006.15
Triennial Recert.	\$25,000.00
Triennial Recert.	\$25,000.00
Clk, Treas, Coll Exp	\$3,369.28
Legal Consultant	\$25,497.09
Tax Taking	\$9,838.00
Unknown Property	\$4,500.00
Binding Records	\$3,131.00
Elections/Registrations	\$4,356.90
Street Listing	\$1,278.75
By-Law Maint	\$1,137.68
Master Plan/Sewer Study	\$3,115.99
Office Machine Maint	\$1,000.00
Municipal Telephone	\$2,218.16
Town Office Bldg Maint	\$7,750.35
Workmen's Comp Enc	\$53,648.33
Pol Salaries Enc	\$1,370.88
Pol Exp Enc	\$378.01
Sick/Vacation Enc	\$62,032.67
Elementary School Enc	\$209,856.05
New School Construction	\$9,552.50
Consult Serv Recreation Land	\$5,000.00
Community Park	\$30,213.34
Repairs Hgwy Garage	\$11,000.00
Ditch Cleaning	\$13,048.00
Discontinued Roads	\$3,725.07
Closure/Capping Landfill	\$27,641.13
Aeration System WWTP	\$342,800.67
Sewer Line Maintenance	\$36,214.13
Inflow/Infiltration	\$236,030.18
Tilton Library Repairs	\$266.87
Recreation Dept	\$3,978.52
Interest Maturing Debt	\$19,500.00
Unemploy Insurance	\$5,003.38
Group Insurance	\$12,511.52

Total	\$1,208,640.12
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**BALANCE SHEET**  
**JUNE 30, 2000**

**ENCUMBRANCES SEWER FUND:**

WWTP Operations Enc 2000	\$136,840.00
WWTP Cap Imp Enc	\$57,152.00
Sewer Line Rehabilitation Enc	\$109,183.18
Total	\$303,175.18

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## JANUARY 2000 – DECEMBER 2000

Our office recorded thirty-four Births, twenty-three marriages and fifty-five Deaths. Records search and certification continue to be a much-used service of this office.

This was the ninth year of the census (Street Listing) by mail. We regret the mailings were incomplete and appreciate everyone's cooperation in replying to telephone calls and follow-up mailings by our office. Sincere thanks to the private schools, condo associations and postal authorities for their assistance. Note is made of the added confusion of it being the Federal Census year also.

The issuing of Fish and Game Licenses and stamps and the issuing of dog licenses; including follow-up data to the dog officer and police on those failing to re-license; continue to be busy items performed in this office.

It was another busy year of Town Meetings and Elections. The Annual Town Meeting was held April 24, 2000. We also had a Special Town Meeting on September 18, 2000 to do a number of financial management items and to adopt a Capital Improvement Plan Committee and to bring the maintaining and operation of ambulance services under Town operation as a Medical Services Department. We also adopted the Quinn Bill "Police Incentive Pay Program". The voters went to the polls March 7, 2000 for the Presidential Primary; our Annual election took place May 1, 2000. September 19, 2000 a State Primary was held and November 7, 2000 we had the Presidential Election. My heartfelt thanks to all the poll workers for their dedication; and in the case of the Presidential Election, a commitment by many of the workers which did not end until after 4:00 a.m. November 8, 2000. I am personally glad we are still on a paper ballot system—no machine errors, recounts, etc. My sincere thank to the voters also for their participation. In the case of the Presidential Election we had a turnout of 82% of our registered voters.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Leno  
Town Clerk

# REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

## RECEIPTS OF THE TOWN CLERK

January 2000 – December 2000

### Dog Licenses

Male	87	@	\$10.00	\$870.00
Female	28	@	\$10.00	\$280.00
Spay Female	360	@	\$5.00	\$1,800.00
Neut. Male	284	@	\$5.00	\$1,420.00
Kennels	1	@	\$30.00	\$30.00
	2	@	\$40.00	\$80.00
	1	@	\$50.00	\$50.00
Fines	278	@	\$10.00	\$2,780.00

Less Fees \$572.25

Paid to Town of Deerfield \$6,737.75

### Sporting Licenses

Licenses Sold	\$11,814.80
Less Fees	\$499.80
Net Sent to Commonwealth	\$11,315.00

# **REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER**

**Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000**

It is with pleasure I report the Town was in the fortunate position of not having to borrow in anticipation of revenue (the sixteenth year). I gratefully appreciate the voluntary payments of Town taxes and the timely payments of bills when issued.

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Leno  
Treasurer

## **STABILIZATION**

Balance July 1, 1999	\$804,452.33
Interest FY 2000	\$52,767.20
Appropriation FY 2000	\$75,000.00
Balance June 30, 2000	\$932,219.53

## **MUNICIPAL BUILDING FUND**

Balance July 1, 1999	\$227,552.78
Interest FY 2000	\$13,238.71
Balance June 30, 2000	\$240,791.49

## **EMERGENCY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT FUND**

Balance July 1, 1999	\$23,938.95
Interest FY 2000	\$1,442.43
Income Appropriated FY 2000	\$5,000.00
Balance June 30, 2000	\$30,381.38

# REPORT OF THE TOWN TREASURER

## Receipts & Payments

Fiscal Year July 1, 1999 – June 30, 2000

Receipts per Month		Expenditures per Month
\$226,105.28	July	\$522,884.05
\$166,412.45	August	\$1,036,180.86
\$568,657.95	September	\$766,813.54
\$284,613.44	October	\$569,155.38
\$393,450.50	November	\$570,034.64
\$1,486,223.84	December	\$729,170.45
\$424,174.11	January	\$1,062,746.56
\$2,114,698.69	February	\$602,720.71
\$1,681,828.99	March	\$1,173,660.57
\$1,783,658.05	April	\$614,349.09
\$1,373,286.97	May	\$1,356,786.88
<u>\$963,491.25</u>	June	<u>\$1,418,931.48</u>
\$11,466,601.52		\$10,423,434.21
Balance July 1, 1999		\$4,063,242.76
Receipts Fiscal Year 2000		\$11,466,601.52
Expenditures Fiscal Year 2000		<u>\$10,423,431.21</u>
Balance June 30, 2000		<u>\$5,106,413.07</u>

## Allocation of Cash by Bank Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2000

Fleet Bank	\$7,199.13
State Street Bank	\$504,522.28
Bank Boston/Fleet Bank	\$157,910.47
Bank Boston/Fleet Bank	\$106,548.08
Conway Forest Memorial	\$10,930.87
Fleet Bank	\$6,905.68
State Street Bank	\$205,089.24
Greenfield Co-op Bank	\$1,394,965.02
Greenfield Savings Bank	\$68,253.51
Greenfield Savings Bank	\$873,432.83
Unibank	\$1,748,719.10
Greenfield Savings Bank	\$19,406.86
Greenfield Savings Bank	<u>\$2,530.00</u>
	<u>\$5,106,413.07</u>



## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN & MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

During the year 2000, a total of 34 new trees were planted around town where trees were removed and where new homes were built. The varieties planted were Birch clumps, Pear, Oak, Red Maple, Sugar Maple, Armstrong Maple, Norway Maple and one Liberty Elm. These new trees should get water once a week for the first couple of years. We put a berm around these trees to hold the water. Do not remove for a couple of years. A rule-of-thumb is if you don't get an inch of water a week you should water the trees. I cannot stress enough to keep weed beaters and mowers from hitting the trees. Watering is the most important thing you can do for these new trees for the first couple of years. After that, if you wish to fertilize, use 10-10-10 and punch holes with a bar out to the edge of the branches. Rule-of-thumb: 2 pounds of fertilizer to the caliper inch. This past year was very wet, so all new trees did very well. However, we lost more Elms than last year. I believe that the dry weather from the year before brought on the Dutch Elm disease.

Stumps were removed and these areas were loamed and seeded. A lot of tree trimming is done each year; all over town where dead wood is a problem. Anytime, when I have extra money in my budget, this is where it goes. There is always a need to trim trees.

Arbor Day was observed in the Grammar School and seedlings were given to students to plant.

As in the past, I have attended meetings and seminars to keep informed of the latest solutions to the problems of our trees with information sent from the University of Massachusetts during the growing season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the citizens of Deerfield, the Superintendent of Streets, Mr. Harold Eaton, Jr., Western Massachusetts Electric Company, and the University of Massachusetts for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

Milton H. Williams  
Tree Warden/Moth Superintendent

# REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN BEACH DISTRICT

## Commissioners:

William Skroski, Chairman of Tri-Town Beach District  
Edith Ostrowski, Chairman of the Deerfield Swim Recreation Committee  
Betty Orloski-Perfido  
Charlene Galenski, Secretary of Deerfield Swim Recreation Committee  
Sharyn Paciorek  
Suzanne Cycz, Secretary of Tri-Town Beach District

The Tri-town Beach District had a successful 2000 summer season. The residents of Deerfield and Whately were provided with a well-maintained facility, which provided a safe environment for the communities. This recreational facility was an area where the town residents could enjoy a relaxing day in a supervised setting.

Throughout the season, several improvements and programs were completed to enhance the Tri-Town Beach area:

- Continuation of clearing the southeast corner of overgrown shrubs.
- Weekly water testing resulted in meeting recommended State guidelines.
- Mowing of the north and south field areas throughout the summer.
- Beach hours extended from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. daily.
- Eight-week swimming program (four two-week sessions).
- Allowances for community involvement opportunities.
- Celebrated an annual district event.

The commissioners would like to thank the Tri-Town Beach lifeguards, gatekeepers, and maintenance personnel for providing a safe and clean facility for all. The staff included four lifeguards, two gatekeepers, and two maintenance people who were very committed to their positions at the Tri-Town Beach. All employees had updated CPR training, and the lifeguards were all Red Cross certified. We compliment them on their excellent work to create a beach environment which was most appreciated by those who used the facility.

A summer swimming program instructed 161 children throughout sessions one and two. The three swimming instructors did a wonderful job teaching these children the necessary Red Cross skills. Children from Deerfield, Whately, and Sunderland participated in these lessons. We thank Chief Harold Swift of the Whately Police Department and Officer LaPenta of Sunderland Police Department for providing DARE money to the Town of Deerfield to help finance the swimming program for their towns. Because the Town of Deerfield totally finances the swim program through their budget, a fee of \$40.00 per Whately or Sunderland child was charged for students taking swimming lessons. Whately contributed \$880.00 in DARE money and Sunderland \$240.00 to the Town of Deerfield. The commissioners were pleased to be able to provide swimming lessons to the neighboring towns. The DARE contributions were greatly appreciated by the Town of Deerfield.

Two changes were made in the swimming program this summer. The instructors tried to accommodate the busy schedules of families throughout the summer. The schedule involved four two-week sessions for the children to participate in. This new format was a change from the two four-week sessions previously offered. The altered schedule allowed for greater flexibility for the families. Parents were very appreciative of the new schedule.

## REPORT OF THE TRI-TOWN BEACH DISTRICT

Due to the generous donation of Hardigg Industries of two kayaks, the swimming program offered boating instruction this past summer. Also, the boats were widely used by people who visited the beach. These kayaks were greatly appreciated by all those in attendance this summer. Many hours of enjoyment and exercise were fulfilled by Hardigg Industries wonderful donations. The Tri-Town Beach and the Deerfield Swim committees would like to say thank you to Hardigg Industries for working with the community to provide an extra benefit to the Tri-Town Beach. We look forward to Hardigg's continual commitment to the towns.

Each year the commissioners try to establish a fair rate for beach passes. The commissioners agreed to a cost of the beach pass of \$35.00 for Deerfield and Whately residents and \$100.00 for Sunderland residents during the 2000 season. The increased cost to Sunderland was necessary because the towns of Whately and Deerfield provide the services at the facility through taxes. This higher rate was considered equitable for all concerned parties. Senior citizens may buy passes for \$15.00. Also day passes are available for \$20.00.

The Massachusetts State Police, the police departments of Deerfield and Whately, and the highway department in both towns willingly assisted in helping maintain a safe and secure area. Their assistance was truly appreciated by the Commissioners.

Several local groups utilized Tri-town Beach this year for both recreational and professional use. The Deerfield Elementary School participated in a field day experience at the lake. The sixty fifth-graders that attended the function enjoyed swimming, playing games, and relaxing on the beach. It was a wonderful culmination to their fifth grade year. In addition, Whately Elementary School's sixth-graders enjoyed a day of leisure at the beach. The Deerfield Preschool Program was another community participant this summer. The Deerfield Boy Scouts and the State Police Dive Teams were allowed to practice certain tasks at the beach. The commissioners were pleased to be able to accommodate these groups as positive community experiences.

Last season the Tri-Town Beach celebrated its thirty-second anniversary with a community cookout. Approximately three hundred residents of Deerfield and Whately attended the Tri-Town Beach celebration. Food and beverages were provided for all those in attendance. The Commissioners would like to thank the following groups for their contributions: Pepsi-Cola for beverages, Cains Foods for pickles and condiments, South Deerfield Fire Department for the use of tables, Deerfield Elementary School for the use of a coffee maker, Elm Farm Bakery for a cake donation, and Edith Ostrowski and Suzanne Cycz for grills. Betty Orloski, Justin Galenski, and Jonathan Galenski were helpful in delivering the necessary foods. In addition, Edward Galenski, Jr. and John Paciorek were instrumental in setting-up the facility. Once again, a special thank you to Chairman Bill Skroski for spending endless hours with the maintenance staff to provide an attractive and clean beach area.

The Tri-Town Beach District wishes to thank the communities of Deerfield and Whately for supporting this wonderful recreational facility. The residents of these two towns are fortunate to have this area to enjoy during the summer season. The commissioners will continue to provide a facility in which the town's residents will be proud.



**CENTRAL FRANKLIN COUNTY VETERANS' DISTRICT  
190 MILLERS FALLS ROAD, TURNERS FALLS MA. 01376**

Dear Veterans:

This past year has been a very exciting time. We have finally opened the Franklin County VA Outpatient Clinic on the second floor, Suite 9 of the Medical Office Building adjacent to the Franklin Medical Center, at 51 Sanderson Street and I encourage all veterans to visit and register. To make this a successful clinic, we need YOU.

If you have any questions, you can call Patient Services Assistance at 1-413-773-8428, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

I am still holding office hours every Tuesday from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the Shelburne Town Hall in the Selectpersons meeting room. (1-413-625-0300). I am also holding office hours in the Orange Town Hall every Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. (1-978-544-1106). I can also be reached at my office Monday through Friday in Turners Falls at 1-413-863-3205, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call if you would like to make an appointment.

There is a \$1500 dollar Annuity available for 100% service connected disabled veterans, parents of a son or daughter whose death occurred as a result of injury sustained, or disease contracted, during active service in the time of war, insurrection or combat, and to a spouse whose husband or wife died as a result of injury sustained, or disease contracted during active service in the time of war, insurrection or combat.

The mission of the Department of Veterans' Services is to advocate on behalf of all the Commonwealth's Veterans and provide them with quality support service. The Department can direct those Veterans' and their dependents who are in need of emergency financial assistance programs.

Sincerely,

Leo J. Parent, Jr.  
Director

# Vital Statistics

## MARRIAGES 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>By Whom Married</u>
<u>April</u>		
1	Starker E. Wright Lynn C. Wallace	Philip M. Destefanio, Jr. Justice of the Peace
15	Michael L. Knuerr Rebecca G. Boton	June B. Malenfant Justice of the Peace
<u>June</u>		
3	John M. Reino Pamela J. Cote	Federico I Agnir Minister of the Gospel
24	Anthony P. Villani Jodi J. Sojka	Daniel P. Liston Priest
<u>July</u>		
1	John M. Demko Cherie L. Semanie	William R. Wilson, Jr. Minister of the Gospel
8	Sheldon S. Lovett Irene K. Preston	Dennis L. Helmus Justice of the Peace
<u>August</u>		
19	Alan R. Ballou Lisa M. Moro	Rev. Julius A. Jutt Priest
19	Gregory W. Hazelton Sarah A. French	Jim Moore Minister of the Gospel
<u>September</u>		
9	Lance B. Vaughn Suzanne L. Williamson	Janet Powers Pastor
9	Brian W. Dejnak Rebecca M. Foster	Rev. Randolph Calvo Priest
16	Marcus G. Stetson Melissa L. Overstreet	Federico I. Agnir Minister of the Gospel



## Vital Statistics

### MARRIAGES (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>By Whom Married</u>
<u>September</u>		
16	Robert M. Wilson Marion Abrams	James G. Munroe Priest
<u>October</u>		
14	Charles D. Cohen Margarita Nieves	R. Kenneth Weiss Minister
15	Russell A. Edgar Cynthia Martinez	Robert E. Girard Justice of the Peace
21	Christopher M. Magdycz Sonya M. Tower	Federico I. Agnir Minister of the Gospel
27	Daniel P. Moulton Vicki S. Kelly	Daniel M. Lee Minister of the Gospel
28	Joseph E. Thane Jessica L. Bysiewski	William M. O'Riordan Justice of the Peace
<u>November</u>		
11	Brian C. Lenarczyk Angela M. Young	Federico I. Agnir Minister of the Gospel
18	Joseph T. Bartlett, Jr. Barbara S. Ramsay	G. Richard Mckelvey Priest
18	Erik A. Bardwell Judith M. Walker	Rev. Julius A. Jutt Priest
25	Francis G. Sobieski Betsy A. Skribiski	Rev. Julius A. Jutt Priest
<u>December</u>		
8	James F. Smith Olga Botcharova	Rosemary O'Hagan Justice of the Peace
23	Peter S. Melnik Beth A. Pelkey	Rev. Francis J. Ruthven Clergy

# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Names</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>January</u>		
3	McKenzie Lynn Gancarz	Trevor Gancarz Nicole M. Powling
6	Owen Peter Albanese	Peter A. Albanese, Jr. Lillian D. Vogel
<u>February</u>		
8	Nicholas Vincent Faillace	Joel M. Faillace Sharon A. Sweeney
21	Patrick Demuth McGranaghan	Joseph T. McGranaghan, Jr. Debra D. Demuth
<u>March</u>		
6	Annabelle Sabine Mauri	Michael J. Mauri Sabine B. Witt
20	Emma Lynn Wesoloski	Kevin R. Wesoloski Tammy B. Balestracci
<u>April</u>		
4	Kimberlie Laura Asseng	Stephen W. Asseng Karen M. Jarvis
18	Lynette Rose Lavigne	Wade D. Lavigne Dana M. Long
21	Birch David Phillips	David M. Phillips, Jr. Karen A. Long
27	Daniel Micheal Wehry	Patrick J. Wehry Jean M. Majewski
<u>May</u>		
7	Casey John Davey	Michael A. Davey Charlene G. Guyette

# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>May</u>		
13	Keeghan Elizabeth Thompson	Kevin B. Thompson Ann E. Edwards
22	Taylor Joyce Nichols	Glenn R. Nichols Joyce L. Delaney
28	Nolan Dyer Feeley	Ryan G. Feeley Christine J. Messier
<u>June</u>		
6	Michael Colin Sullivan	Brian W. Sullivan Karen E. Nyth
9	Bailey Adam Diemand	James P. Diemand Adrienne C. Phillips
<u>July</u>		
6	Leo Clark Pandolfi	Orlando R. Pandolfi Shannon L. Clark
10	Kathryn Anna Daughton	Thomas A. Daughton Margaret S. England
19	Chloe Alexandra Wells	Daniel L. Wells Celeste V. Chickering
<u>August</u>		
9	Camden John Barnes	Bryan S. Barnes Jill A. Rouillard
10	Annalie Eliza Gilbert Keith	David B. G. Keith Jane E. Gilbert
31	Dylan William McKenzie Huff	Scott D. Huff Holly E. Warner
<u>September</u>		
8	Paige Morgan Eddy	Timothy J. Eddy Carolyn G. Guerrin

# Vital Statistics

## BIRTHS (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>September</u>		
14	Gillman Ann Brown	William D. Brown, Jr. Linda A. Mansfield
25	Marshall Lang Hamilton	Andrew D. Hamilton Camille M. Luippold
<u>October</u>		
2	Jenna Nicole Martin	Robert J. Martin Shelly A. Fydenkevez
24	Logan Matthew Armes	Jeffrey R. Armes Audrey E. Fenton
26	Juliën Alexis Peyromaure De Bord	Christophe E. Peyromaure De Bord Elizabeth B. Brakeman
26	Camille Marguerite Peyromaure De Bord	Christophe E. Peyromaure De Bord Elizabeth B. Brakeman
<u>November</u>		
1	Jonah Martinez Edgar	Russell A. Edgar Cynthia M. Martinez
3	Sarah May Zoly	Todd E. Zoly Rebecca J. Yelle
13	Benjamin Herschel Mazzola	Mark A. Mazzola Lisa S. Prolman
17	Alek David Zoller Sharp	Geoffrey D. Sharp Satu T.E. Zoller
<u>December</u>		
11	Syney-Noelle Curtain	William H. Curtain, Jr. Christina-Noelle Plasse

# Vital Statistics

## DEATHS 2000

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>January</u>		
2	Adelaide Zimmer Age 78	Arthur Perra Alice Saucier
4	Shirley A. Fydenkevez Age 63	George Hakey Ella Root
10	Catherine Agnes Schmitt Age 90	Hrold Pearce Anna Hunter
18	Murray Pierce Age 76	Byron J. Pierce Louise M. Clerk
23	Jennie H. Hudyma Age 77	Adam Nortowicz Vaga Mickolajczyk
23	Caroline Vaughn Age 71	Ferdinand Wichowski Helen Wilga
<u>February</u>		
3	Mary C. (aka Mae K.) Austin Age 90	Patrick Morris Ellen Donelly
15	Edward S. Petrovic Age 78	Steven Petrovic Fraces Majewski
20	Charles W. Crossman Age 84	Charles Crossman Clara Vandette
22	Harold F. Childs Age 66	Harry Childs Maude Elmer
22	Marion M. Romanowski Age 85	William Osterowski Lena Saccowycz
28	Arthur Lewis Adkins Age 65	Robert Adkins Lillian Newton



# Vital Statistics

## DEATHS (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>March</u>		
3	Julia Garvey Age 85	Lewis Izyk Hedwig Nyrda
4	S. Arthur Localio Age 88	Joseph Localio Carmella Franco
10	Mary H. Zewinski Age 85	Joseph Silwa Helen Smolen
11	Joseph Monahan Kelly, II Age 52	Joseph M. Kelly Ann Barrett
20	Laton G. Armington Age 85	John Armington Ruth Wildes
22	Richard E. Moody, Sr Age 82	Frederick A. Moody, Sr. Louise Sheehan
28	Olga Ro Findowski Age 80	John Romanovich Anna Karpinski
<u>April</u>		
2	William F. Rotkiewicz Age 76	Leon Rotkiewicz Katherin Kascenski
10	Eleanor S. White Age 68	John E. Sharkey Ellen Claire
11	Marion Flagg Waltermire Age 86	Herbert D. Wessman Marion L. Falgg
14	Helen Murray Age 91	John Kowalczyk Frances Bakula
20	Dolores V. Jacobs Age 62	John Volpe Caroline Cardaropoli
25	Joseph Stokarski Age 84	Stanley Stokarski Edith Klepacki

# Vital Statistics

## DEATHS (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>May</u>		
5	Kuo-Sui Chen Age 86	Ting-Wu Chen Hong-Mei Lui
6	Michael P. Duda Age 79	Paul Duda Elizabeth Smoor
10	Frederick R. Galisa Age 73	Joseph Galisa Katherine Sczpanik
13	Leo P. Desmond Age 90	John Byrne Brigette Tucker
28	Elizabeth G. Dicklow Age 83	Benjamin F. Gaskell Bessie Clark
<u>June</u>		
9	Michael F. Hassay, Sr. Age 81	John M. Hassay Ethal Botz
9	William N.M.I. Lewis Age 85	Edward Lewis Jemima Thorne
11	Julia J. Wrisley Age 88	Michael Duda Nellie Dorunda
19	Regina M. Baron Age 85	Stanley Puchalski Nellie Wuz
26	Ruth Elizabeth Arnold Age 78	Charles M. Savage Ruth Griffin
29	Beatrice O. Rose Age 96	Ed Bellows Maude Bratton
29	Joseph Trzcienski Age 87	Stanley Trzcienski Mary Pielock
<u>July</u>		
8	Elizabeth K. Noartowicz Age 68	Edward Neipp Marion Coates

# Vital Statistics

## DEATHS (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>July</u>		
17	Stella A. Yazwinski Age 77	Anthony Wisnieski Victoria Albus
21	Helen M. Rotkiewicz Age 77	Paul Korza Helena Baceski
23	Genofa J. Wisneski Age 85	Joseph Wisneski Sophie Zdanowicz
24	Ronald Malinoski Age 55	Bernard Malinoski Julia Krukoski
30	William M. Wrisley Age 86	Lyman A. Wrisley Julia A. Casey
<u>August</u>		
7	Robert B. Rose Age 70	Clement A. Rose Beatrice O. Bellows
9	Albert Joseph Zewinski Age 85	Joseph Zewinski Mary Skowron
30	Henry J. Messier Age 80	Joseph Messier Lena Wenzel
<u>September</u>		
9	Judith Pelc Age 58	Charles Sienkiewicz Christin Gabel
11	Woodrow W. Bertolino Age 81	Peter Bertolino Maria Gastone
30	Cecile I. Phillips Age 69	Amadee St. Hilaire Alice Huppe
<u>November</u>		
15	Theodore S. Hudyma Age 73	William Hudyma Anna Beniak

Vital Statistics  
DEATHS (Cont'd)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Parents</u>
<u>November</u>		
22	Mildred A. Acker Age 86	Minford Starr Florence Murphy
<u>December</u>		
1	Joseph J. Kaminskus Age 85	Alex Kaminskus Mary Adamitis
3	Raymond A. Kujdzio Age 68	Anna Niedojadlo
18	Julie M. Ludwiczak Age 25	Michael Ludwiczak Patricia Aubrey
18	Helen Vielmette Age 81	Gustav Christofferson Helga Westin

# ANNUAL REPORT OF THE FRED WELLS TRUSTEES

Funds available for the fiscal year 2000/2001 are \$177,651.85 (which includes unused scholarship money from 1998/99 that was reallocated to the scholarship fund.)

## EDUCATION

The trustees received 279 applications for education scholarships and approved 235 students to receive \$147,300. This amount includes the two \$1,000 scholarships in honor of Ralph and Hilda Haskins. The Trustees spend many hours on the selection process to ensure that as many students as possible could receive scholarship aid.

## HEALTH

Four Health programs were approved, totaling \$22,000.

<i>Hospice of Western New England</i> (formerly Hospice of Franklin County)	\$9,000.00
<i>NELCWITT</i>	\$9,000.00
<i>Parents Helping Parents</i>	\$2,000.00
<i>Pastoral Counseling Center</i>	\$2,000.00

## AGRICULTURE

An amount of \$8,351.85 was allowed by the Trustees for payment:

<i>Franklin County Agricultural Fair</i>	\$5,000.00
<i>Health Agricultural Fair</i>	\$3,051.85
<i>Shelburne Grange Fair</i>	\$ 300.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Donald A. Smiaroski  
Trustee

7/1/2000



## DEERFIELD SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Albert Olmstead, Chair  
Deerfield School Committee  
Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Olmstead:

I respectfully submit the 2000 Annual Report for the  
Deerfield Elementary School:

### DEERFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

#### TERM EXPIRES

Al Olmstead, Chair	2001
Mark Capuano, Member	2003
Kenneth Cuddeback, Member	2002
*Mary Ramon, Member	2003
Debra Sokoloski, Member	2001

\*Representative to Frontier Regional

### ADMINISTRATION

Superintendent	Edward J. O'Donoghue
Business Manager	Donald M. Scott
Special Education Director	John Robert
Administrative Secretary	Judy Wood
Administrative Secretary	
Special Education Secretary	Diana Capuano
Bookkeeper/Receptionist	Brenda Rotkiewicz
Bookkeeper, Union #38	Paula Light
Bookkeeper, Grants	Stephan Shepherd
Principal	Douglas Tierney
Secretary to Principal	Janet Stellman
Secretary to Principal	Helen Scott

DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2000

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
PreK	16	21	37
K	22	16 +5 ScCh	43
1	30	24 +4 ScCh	58
2	26	26 +2 ScCh	54
3	22	33 +2 ScCh	57
4	28	18 +2 ScCh	48
5	28	31	59
6	31	23 +1 ScCh	55
Daybreak Program	5	3 +5 Tui In	13
TOTAL	208	195 +21	424

UNION #38 TEACHERS' SALARY SCHEDULE  
CONWAY, DEERFIELD, SUNDERLAND, WHATELY

September 1, 2000 - August 31, 2001

STEP	B	B+15	M	M+15	M+30
1	27,294	28,148	29,028	29,934	30,869
2	28,148	29,028	29,934	30,869	31,834
3	29,028	29,934	30,869	31,834	32,829
4	29,934	30,869	31,834	32,829	33,856
5	30,869	31,834	32,829	33,856	34,914
6	31,834	32,829	33,856	34,914	36,003
7	32,829	33,856	34,914	36,003	37,128
8	33,856	34,914	36,003	37,128	38,288
9	34,914	36,003	37,128	38,288	39,487
10	36,003	37,128	38,288	39,487	40,718
11	37,128	38,288	39,487	40,718	41,991
12	38,288	39,487	40,718	41,991	43,304
13	39,487	40,718	41,991	43,304	44,659
14	42,168	43,442	45,006	46,360	48,196
20L	42,668	43,942	45,506	46,860	48,696

Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a teacher in the school district.

Nature's Classroom Teacher: \$250 per teacher unit.

Workshop Presenters: \$25 per hour of presentation and reimbursement for reasonable expenses.

Head Teachers: \$375

**FINANCIAL REPORT**

**TOWN OF DEERFIELD**  
**SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**SUMMARY OF  
BUDGET RELATED EXPENDITURES**

**JULY 1, 1999 - JUNE 30, 2000**

CATEGORY	REGULAR EDUCATION	SPECIAL EDUCATION	TOTAL
1000 ADMINISTRATION	\$121,484.00	\$18,436.00	\$139,920.00
2000 INSTRUCTION	1,433,805.00	359,737.00	1,793,542.00
3000 OTHER SCHOOL SERVICES	105,028.00	56,547.00	161,575.00
4000 OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE	193,661.00	0	193,661.00
5000 FIXED ASSETS	20,807.00	0	20,807.00
6000 COMMUNITY SERVICES	2,848.00	0	2,848.00
7000 ACQUISITION OF FIXED ASSETS	25,776.00	0	25,776.00
9000 PROGRAMS WITH OTHER DISTRICTS	0	202,770.00	202,770.00
TOTALS	\$1,903,409.00	\$637,490.00	\$2,540,899.00

January 2001

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT DEERFIELD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

This report was compiled in part by researching the minutes of the Deerfield School Committee meetings of January 2000 through June 2000, combined with my personal leadership experiences in the Deerfield School District from July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 as interim Superintendent.

The October 1, 2000 enrollment for Deerfield School District totaled 387. This is a decrease of 19 from the October 1, 1999 enrollment figures.

The September 2000 School Choice enrollment for the Deerfield School District totaled 16 students. This is an increase of 11 from September 1999.

Efforts to align the Deerfield Elementary School curriculum with the Massachusetts State curriculum Frameworks continued throughout the school year under the direction of Louise Law, who serves as a the district Director of Elementary Education. These alignment efforts have included a wide range of professional development activities for Deerfield teachers. Teachers in Kindergarten through grade two have continued participating in an intensive training in early literacy instruction and assessment, which has resulted in a strong and consistent reading and writing program in our early grades. Upper grade teachers reviewed the Massachusetts Social Studies Curriculum Framework and selected specific topics in World and U.S. History for each grade to study. Teachers in all grades K-6 met to review and assess our district mathematics program. Grade four teachers in the district have participated in a thorough analysis of Deerfield students' performance on the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to determine our strengths and areas needing attention in curriculum and instruction. During the coming year, teachers and administrators will continue to work together to strengthen our curriculum in or to meet the educational needs of Deerfield's children.

Deerfield fourth grade students scored above average on the MCAS tests in all areas. Grade level meetings, which allow our teachers to dialogue, compare and formulate Plans to enhance the learning process for our students.

New positions in September 2000 for Deerfield School District were Beth Davis - School Counselor, Colin Hosley - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Roxanne Mackey - Reading Recovery (1 year position), Chloe Bronson Special Education Teacher for the Daybreak Program and Lucille Antes - Special Education Teacher for the Full Day PreSchool Program.

Student handbooks were distributed to all students in September.

The enhanced Health School Service Grant allowed additional time for the Deerfield School Nurse.

All five school committees elected Ed Gately from Sunderland as Chair of the Superintendent Search Committee.

I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the following members of the Deerfield School Committee: Chairman Albert Olmstead, Mary Ramon, Kenneth Cuddeback, Debra Sokoloski and Mark Capuano. These people take their responsibilities seriously and work extremely hard for the students of Deerfield School District.

In addition I would like to extend my appreciation to the citizens of Deerfield for their support.

My sincere thanks to the various school site councils and parent groups who work tirelessly for the students in the school.

Respectfully submitted,

Edward J. O'Donoghue  
Superintendent of Schools



# FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL

## 2000 Annual Report

The administration and the School Committee of the Franklin County Technical School are proud to submit the Annual Report for 2000. The October 1, 2000 enrollment figures are as follows:

Bernardston	23 Deerfield	21 Heath	11 Northfield	23 Warwick	11
Buckland	15 Erving	4 Leyden	7 Orange	66 Wendell	6
Colrain	27 Gill	7 Montague	78 Shelburne	12 Whately	5
Conway	17 Greenfield	142 New Salem	8 Sunderland	7 Non-District	18

In June 2000, 88 students graduated from our 13 vocational programs. Of those graduates:

Entered Work Force = 59      Continued Education = 25      Entered Military = 4

Our work cooperative programs continue to be an effective way to train our students for the work force while responding to the needs of local businesses and industry. In school year 1999-2000, 27% of the senior class was on Coop. As of December 4, 2000, 29% of the class of 2001 is participating in the program with a projection figure of 40% by graduation.

The Franklin County Technical School continues to be involved in community service projects. Because we were not involved in a house-building project during 1999-2000, our community efforts were extensive:

- Bernardston - Worked on plumbing at the Town Hall; raised soil pipe at the Powers Institute; prepared food for the Seniors Legislative breakfast.
- Buckland - Did mechanical repairs and body work on the Blazer Response Vehicle.
- Greenfield - Assisted in remodeling of the fire station; landscaped the Veterans' Memorial Mall; prepared food for the Senior Center Appreciation Dinner.
- Heath - Created an outdoor musical instrument area for the playground.
- Montague - Completed the airport building; pruned trees on Avenue A; put in a lawn for the Water Department; major plumbing renovation for a kitchen in St. Anne's; prepared food for the Senior Center Appreciation Dinner.
- Mohawk Trail Regional School - Wired the new video studio.
- Sunderland - Fabricated a sign for the landfill.
- Franklin County - Hosted and prepared food for Chamber of Commerce breakfast and the Rotary Club Italian Dinner.

In 2000, noteworthy student achievements occurred in the academic, vocational and athletic arenas. One of the graduates from Bernardston was named a University of Massachusetts scholar and received a full, four-year scholarship to that school. In June 2000, two students excelled at the National Skills USA-VICA championship in Kansas City, where 4,000 students competed. A Computer Cluster Program junior from Shelburne placed fifth in a national contest in Technical Computer Applications and a Greenfield senior in the School's Culinary Arts Program placed eleventh among forty-eight students from other states.

Athletically, the Girls' Basketball Team tied for first place in the Tri-County League, the Softball Team participated in the Western Mass. Tournament and the Girls' Field Hockey Team won the Sportsmanship Award for their 2000 season. The crowning victory for the athletic program occurred in the fall of 2000, when the Girls' Volleyball team became the Massachusetts State Vocational School champions.

The year 2000 was filled with numerous challenges for the F.C.T.S. community. We met those challenges admirably while continuing to provide our students with the best programs possible. State MCAS scores unfortunately and unfairly do not reflect the outstanding talents of our students and staff. We wish to sincerely thank you for your continued support and appreciate your faith in us.

Respectfully submitted,

Clifford J. Fournier, School Committee Chairman

Patricia J. Bassett, Interim Superintendent/Principal

## FRONTIER SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. Elvery Veal, Chairman  
Frontier Regional School District Committee  
South Deerfield, MA 01373

Dear Mr. Veal:

I respectfully submit the 2000 Frontier Regional School Annual Report.

### FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

<u>EXPIRES</u>	<u>TERM</u>
Elvery Veal, Chair, Sunderland	2002
William Smith, Secretary, Whately	2003
John Wholey, Conway	2001
John Bowman, Deerfield	2003
Thomas Scanlon, Deerfield	2002
*Kurt Peterson, Conway	2001
*Mary Ramon, Deerfield	2001
*Diane Gumaer, Sunderland	2001
*Martha Goodridge, Whately	2001
*Representing the local Elementary School Committees for one year term.	

Regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, in the Media Center, Frontier Regional School, South Deerfield, Massachusetts at 7:00 p.m.

### ADMINISTRATION

Edward J. O'Donoghue	Interim Superintendent of Schools
Donald M. Scott	Business Manager/Treasurer
John Robert	Interim Special Education Director
Patricia Stachelek	Frontier Regional Bookkeeper
Stephan Shepherd	Grants Bookkeeper
Judith Wood	Administrative Secretary
	Administrative Secretary
	Special Education Secretary
Diana Capuano	Principal
Martin Leggott	Assistant Principal
Paul Goodhind	Secretary
Kelly Blanchette	Secretary
Debbie Mason	Secretary
Robertta Reiter	Secretary
Evelyn Kaweck	Guidance Secretary

FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL  
ENROLLMENT - OCTOBER 1, 2000

Grade	Conway	Deerfield	Sunderland	Whately	Tuition Students
<u>Total</u>					
7	14	54	28	23	3
122					
8	17	56	31	20	5
129					
9	15	48	26	17	3
109					
10	17	42	14	14	3
90					
11	15	41	24	18	5
103					
12	<u>17</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>5</u>
93					
Total	95	279	138	110	24
646					

FRONTIER REGIONAL

SALARY SCHEDULE

September 2000 - June 2001

STEP	B	M	
M+30			
1	26,517	27,903	29,607
2	27,754	29,089	30,729
3	29,182	30,356	31,892
4	30,393	31,650	33,094
5	31,142	32,993	34,339
6	32,233	34,049	35,600
7	33,076	35,165	36,937
8	34,500	36,287	38,157
9	35,411	37,439	39,385
10	36,348	38,383	41,164
11	38,156	40,563	42,994
12	40,157	42,913	44,881
13	40,823	44,496	46,953
14	42,411	46,140	48,635
20L	42,911	46,640	49,135
25L	43,411	47,140	49,635

Placement on Step 20L occurs when an individual has completed 19 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

Placement on Step 25L occurs when an individual has completed 24 years of service as a Frontier Regional School faculty member.

January 2001

**FRONTIER REGIONAL SCHOOL  
SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

This report was compiled in part by researching the minutes of the Frontier Regional School Committee meetings of January 2000 through June 2000, combined with my personal leadership experiences in the Frontier Regional/Union #38 School District from July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 as interim Superintendent.

The October 1, 2000 enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 646. This is a decrease of 13 from the October 1, 1999 enrollment figures.

The School Choice enrollment for Frontier Regional School District totaled 26. This is an increase of 7 from the School Choice enrollment in September of 1999.

The Frontier Regional high school graduated 112 students in the class of June 2000.

The Frontier Regional Extension Program was re-named Frontier Transitional Education Program (FTEP).

In January 2000 the Frontier Regional School Committee voted Elvery Veal as Chairman, John Wholey as Vice Chairman.

The School Committee, after much review, voted the Red Hawks as the school mascot.

The Frontier Regional School Committee also voted to participate in the Franklin County Cooperative Ice Hockey Team.

The Frontier Regional School District received a new principal with the appointment of Martin Leggott on March 14, 2000. Mr. Leggott had served as interim principal since August 9, 1999.

The Frontier Regional/Union #38 School Districts lost a dedicated educator when Superintendent Dr. John Welch left to take a position in the Ludlow School District at the end of June 2000.

The Frontier Regional School Committee appointed Edward J. O'Donoghue as Interim Superintendent and Mr. John Robert as Interim Director of Special Education for the 2000-2001 school year.

A visiting Committee of New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) arrived at Frontier on October 1, 2000 and remained through October 4, 2000. The primary concern of the Visiting Committee was to assess the quality of the education programs at Frontier Regional School in terms of the school's stated mission and the Commission's Standards for



## Accreditation.

The last time the school was reviewed was in 1990. I am confident that the Visiting Committee report will contain many commendations as well as recommendations which will be a benefit to the students as we work to improve teaching and learning.

A full time Technology Specialist was hired for the 2000-20001 school year to assist the staff with the effective integration of technology into the instructional environment.

Overall, our students performed very well on the Massachusetts Curriculum Assessment Tests (MCAS). Efforts continue to align our curriculum guides with the state frameworks.

Our efforts in obtaining state and federal grants for Frontier Regional and Union #38 continue to be noteworthy as a total of \$1,061,950 will be forthcoming for the 2001-2002 school year.

I am encouraged by the number of creative activities that are taking place in our schools. The Millennium Project - a school for the new millennium grant is a partnership between the Frontier Regional and Union #38 School District and Pocumtuck Valley Memorial Association. This project aims to infuse the teaching of American Studies (Social Studies and English) in grades 5-12 with top notch scholarship and high quality technological resources, including the *Turns of the Centuries* website (under construction). This website has been designed to include the ideas developed by teachers in this district and will include items to support the revised Social Studies curriculum. The project is designed to coincide with the District's efforts to revise the Social Studies Curriculum to conform to the Frameworks. One of the goals of this project is to develop the school library as the primary point of integration of museum resources throughout the curriculum. Included will be website delivery of primary documents and artifacts. School librarians will serve as a resource to teachers in their buildings.

Curriculum efforts continued to be a highlight during the FY2000. Major review of the English/Language arts area took place. Curriculum groups comprised of coordinators, teachers and administrators have worked to produce curriculum guides in all major areas. These groups will continue to meet to review and assess curriculum for the enhancement of instruction.

A wide variety of learning opportunities have been available to all teachers during the last school year in order to advance the professional strength of the staff.

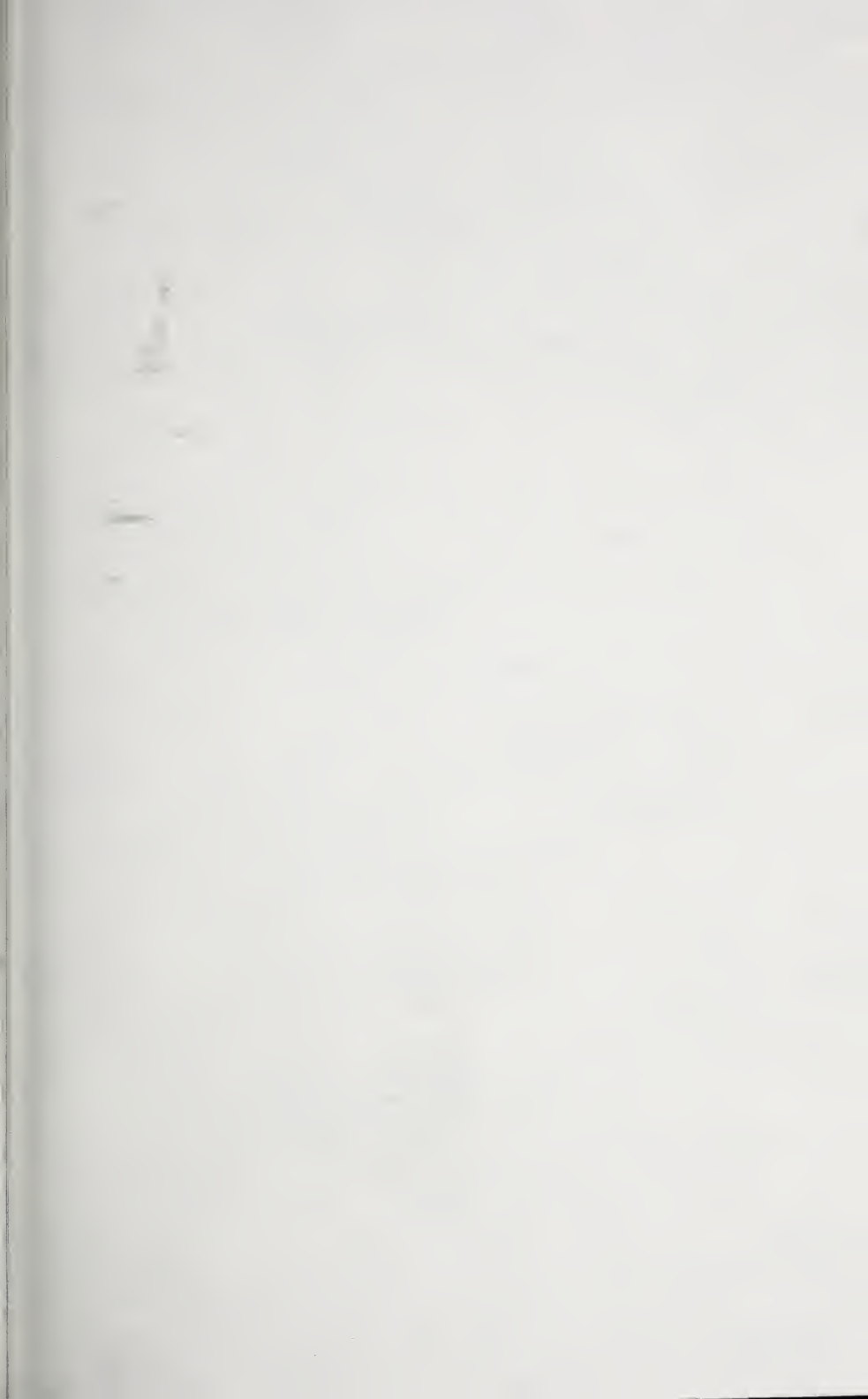
I would like to acknowledge the dedication and hard work of the following members of the Frontier Regional School Committee: Chairman Elvery Veal, John Wholey, Bill Smith, Tom Scanlon, John Bowman, Kurt Peterson, Mary Ramon, Diane Gumaer and Martha Goodridge. These people take their















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